

ments were made, as before stated, on wheat and Swedish turnips raised in 1868, compost made in 1868, on grafted apple trees set on in 1866 and 1867, keeping and removing Chester white boar, money voted from the funds of the Society in aid of the funds of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition held in Halifax in October, 1868: *Journals of Agriculture* for 1867; bonities on crops raised in 1867 (omitted), to the amount of £54 15s.; postages, 2s.; rooms to hold meetings of Society in in 1868, 7s. 6d.; services of Secretary, and stationery used by him in 1868, £1 2s. 6d. were paid, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands, at the close of the business for this year, of £8 12s. 9½d.

Out of 152 members in 1867, 4 withdrew, 2 died, and 1 removed. Four having joined the Society in 1868, 149 are liable to pay 5s. each in 1868. From these £27 15s. was received, leaving an average of £9 10s. at the subscriptions of 1868.

Twenty-one numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture*, and ten numbers of the *Canada Farmer* have been received, and read in the different Sections of the Society through the year.

Our usual Provincial grant has not yet been received for the year 1868.

Our hay crop this year was good, and harvested in good condition. Potatoes are a fair crop with little rot or blight, although in most places the tops were killed early with blight. This disease did not seem to descend to the root, as in former years. On many farms the potatoes attained a large growth; both early and late planted potatoes did well—Wheat was very generally sown; farmers were encouraged to try it by the good crop of the previous year, but it ripened badly on many farms, owing, probably, to being sown late and to wet weather late in the season. It is not more than half a crop. It was not injured much by rust or weevil. Oats and buckwheat were good crops. Peas, barley and rye not much sown. Turnips and other vegetables succeeded well. Apples were a light crop. Cranberries and strawberries were never more plentiful, but all the other wild fruits were very scarce.

JOHN T. SMITH, Sec'y.

MERIGOMISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We herewith forward you a report of the proceedings of the Merigomish Agricultural Society for the year 1868.

To meet the wants of this Society we obtained 4 bags of wheat from Halifax, being the amount of our grant for 1868, with the sum voted to the Provincial Exhibition, being, in all, \$40. We also imported 6 sheep from P. E. Island, 3

one year old rams, and 3 one year old ewes. The ewes were sold to members of the Society on arrival, and the rams given to parties to keep for the use of the Society until the beginning of the New Year, and then to be sold, the parties to receive two dollars for keeping them, and each member to get six sheep to one ram, free of charge.

We have also to inform you of the financial affairs of the Society, which are as follows:—

Cash rec'd from members as subscriptions	\$41.00
" " for wheat.....	29.90
" " for bags.....	1.33
" " for sheep.....	8.60
	\$80.83

Cash paid for bal. against Soc'y in last year	\$5.50½
" " 8 copies of <i>Journal</i>	4.00
" " expenses on wheat.....	2.74
" " sheep imported.....	60.00
" " expenses of sheep.....	4.00
" " postage and stationery.....	86
	\$76.50½

Cash on hand.....	\$4.32½
Debts due the Society.....	3.75

This Society at present consists of 41 members. All have paid their subscriptions for the present year.

Respecting the crops:—Upland hay a good crop, and housed in good order; wheat and barley above the average crop, and oats about the usual; the root crops, in general, very good; the fruit crops a failure. Our stock has improved very much from breeds imported, especially our sheep and pigs; some of our one year old sheep have cut as much as 14 lbs. of wool this year. Our white Chester pigs imported from Yarmouth have given good satisfaction; the offspring at seven and eight months old weigh, on an average, from 210 to 220 lbs.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—*Pres.*, James Ray; *Vice Pres.*, Robert S. Copeland, jr.; *Sec'y and Treas.*, John S. Copeland; *Directors*, Edward Finlayson, Wm. Olding, Duncan McIntosh, William B. Stewart, John Forbes.

JAMES MITCHELL, *Pres.*
JOHN S. COPELAND, *Sec'y.*

THE CROPS IN MIDDLE RIVER, VICTORIA, C. B.

I am happy to inform you that notwithstanding the drought of July and August, which greatly retarded the growth of hay and oats, particularly on sandy soils, the harvest promises to be far above the average of last year. The quantities of wheat sown has turned out a fair average crop. The blight in the potatoes has but slightly appeared, and not until the middle of September, so that I may safely say the potato crop have not been so promising for twenty years. Grain sowed on loamy soil has yielded well in quantity and quality, so that I

may say, without exaggeration, that the yield this year will be fifty per cent. over that of last year.

J. McLENNAN.

UPPER LONDONDERRY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Upper Londonderry Agricultural Society was held in Polly Village on the 8th December. The Treasurer submitted his report, which was examined and found correct.

1868.	Cr.
By balance on hand.....	\$12.84
" subscriptions.....	24.00
" Provincial grant.....	21.00
" stock sold.....	16.00
	\$73.84

1868.	Dr.
To purchasing bull.....	\$6.00
" expense on bull.....	4.00
" purchasing oats.....	22.00
" purchasing potatoes.....	20.25
" service of Secretary.....	11.00
	\$63.25

Balance on hand..... \$10.59

The Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—*Pres.*, James Campbell; *Vice Pres.*, Henry Uquhart; *Treas.*, Thomas Pawlke; *Sec'y*, D. F. Layton; *Directors*, F. M. Pearson, James Fleming, John L. Faulkner, John Johnson, Charles Finton.

Report of crops in Upper Londonderry, 1868:—Hay, extra good; wheat, fair crop; oats, average; barley, light; buckwheat, good; potatoes, average; turnips, good; carrots, good; Indian corn, good; beans, squashes, pumpkins, &c., a fair yield.

JAMES CAMPBELL, *Pres.*
D. F. LAYTON, *Sec'y.*

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF EAST CORNWALLIS.

The officers of this Society, in making their report for the annual meeting of December 1st, 1868, are pleased to state that the affairs of this Society are in a prosperous condition. Many persons that heretofore stood aloof from the Society are now seeing the improvement made in stock by members, and are asking admittance. As all our available means have been required to pay off the old debts, except the nett earnings of the bull "Sir William" since last April, there is not yet enough in funds to make any more purchases of stock at present.

The fine bull owned by this Society was sent to the Provincial Exhibition held in October last, and took the first prize awarded to thorough-bred Durhams. The stock bred from this bull is showing superior qualities.

For the crops in this section of the County this year, we have to report that our principal cultivated crop, the potato, has fallen far below the average. Hay is above the aver-