

there being but one Society in the County, and it drawing but \$80.00. The detention of the mails by the succession of snow storms is, I believe, the cause of the Society's return not being in. I trust that you will have the kindness to bring this matter before the Board, and obtain, if possible, an allowance from the grant of last year equal to their proper proportion, according to the return which I have not a doubt will be forthcoming in a few days. I may add that the funds in the hands of the Society were expended, except two dollars and fifteen cents, which are still in the Treasurer's hands, in keeping the Society's Bull—which has been sold at a very low figure, and in procuring seed grain for the benefit of the Society.

If it is necessary, and you will send me a note, I will attend before the Board and make any explanations necessary.

I remain yours, &c.,

JOHN A. KIRK,  
Late Sec'y and Tres., Glencly Agrl. Society.

Some conversation ensued on the reading of Mr. Kirk's letter. The papers referred to were submitted, and it was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Longworth, and

Resolved,—That under the peculiar circumstances stated by Mr. Kirk, the Secretary of the Board be requested to authorize the Glencly Society to draw its proportion of the grant for the past year.

#### A NEW SOCIETY IN CUMBRELAND.

The following letter was read from Thomas A. Fraser, Esq., Pugwash:—  
Pugwash, 12th March, 1871.

SIR,—I wrote to you in February, that a number of the farmers of this place made a move to form themselves into an Agricultural Society, but the weather was so unfavourable that nothing definite was done until the 27th Feb., when we appointed officers and Directors after 76 had subscribed. But some more have subscribed since. The exact number paid, I cannot say until I see the Treasurer, but I think it was something over forty. But had the weather been favourable nearly all would have paid by this time.

I think it is the intention of the Directors to get some change of seed for spring use, to give to the Society at cost and charges, and then purchase an improved breed of sheep in time for the fall. The Directors wish to know if the Board of Agriculture will import any the coming summer, as there is diversity of opinion as to the best breed. Would your Board give some information?

I herewith send a report of the Society, which looks somewhat insignificant, but as this is a part of the country that is well adapted to farming, and the people are beginning to take an interest in the welfare of the place, I have no doubt that our Society will yet be quite a success.

If there is anything that we have omitted, I hope that you will give us a hint. With these few remarks,

I am, &c.,

THOS. A. FRASER Secy.

P. S.—Eighty-four (84) have subscribed and 44 paid.

Relative papers were laid on the table. Members of the Board expressed an unwillingness to encourage the undue multiplication of Societies, and Mr. Black was requested to ascertain whether the new Society could not coalesce with the Malagash and Wallace Societies.

Mr. Longworth explained the working of the Onslow Society, which was divided into branches or sections, so that every district could participate in the advantages,

whilst the Society being large had funds sufficient to enable it to handle expensive stock.

#### PLOUGH CASTINGS.

The Secretary read the following Communication from Messrs. Simpson and Tory of the Milford Haven Agricultural Society:—

"This Society has been in the custom of importing castings from the United States for improved ploughs. This year they imported but a small lot, which was given to the members at a discount of thirty-five per cent on costs and charges. This enables the members to get their ploughs at a very moderate cost, as the plough is either fitted up by the farmer himself, or otherwise by his neighbouring carpenter, which in turn gives him employment. This system, in view of this Society, was preferable to the importation of the whole implement from the United States, as in many cases the farmer himself could, during the long winter, fit up his plough. But we were met with a Customs Duty of fifteen per cent on the Invoice of the different pieces of castings required for the plough, which was never exacted from us before. Though the implement in its entirety is free of duty, yet the Customs office claim duty for the different pieces of which it is composed. This Society feel that this is a hardship which the Central Board could influence the Government in getting removed.

First,—We want the American Castings, because it is preferable to our own castings, one of them wearing out two of ours.

Secondly,—We want the casting because the Society can place in the hands of each of its members a plough of an improved pattern for one-third the cost of the entire plough, putting the freight and charges for importation of the entire article in the pocket of the Agriculturist, while it places an improved plough in his hands and employment for his neighbouring mechanic, who can fit it up equally as well and at a less cost than the American.

We want the castings duty free, because the entire plough is duty free, and for the same considerations. We would respectfully urge these views on the Central Board, that it might use its influence with the Government for a remedy for the benefit of the societies of this Province generally."

The Board gave instructions to their Secretary that representation might be made in the proper quarter.

#### STOCK FARM.

A telegram was read from M. H. Goudge, Esq., to Hon. R. A. McHessey, in reference to purchase of a stock farm.

On motion of Mr. Longworth, it was resolved that as many Counties are not represented, and the funds at disposal at present are insufficient, it would be unwise for the Board to make any selection of locality on this occasion.

#### AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Zwicker, and passed—

That the publication of *Agricultural Journal* be continued as heretofore.

#### CONDIMENT FOR HORSES AND CATTLE.

The Secretary read a letter from Geo. Fraser, Esq., 74 Lower Water Street, Halifax, calling attention to the condiment for horses and cattle, prepared for sale by the North British Cattle Food Company. A sample was shown, and circulars placed

on the table with certifi. from Express Companies and Live! stables in Montreal and Quebec.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The President and Mr. Longworth were named as a Finance Committee to audit the Treasurer's books.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Black then moved an adjournment, the Board to meet again in October in terms of the Act, on a day to be fixed by the President, as near as possible to the day of sale of Imported Stock.

GEORGE LAWSON, Sec'y.

#### Reports of Agri. Societies.

#### LOWER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We are glad to be able to report our Society in a prosperous condition, working satisfactorily. The business of the past year has not been of a very important character. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the funds have mainly been devoted towards reducing the debt incurred the previous year. The stock owned by the Society at present consist of one thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull (Young Prince of Wales); one Durham and Ayrshire Bull, and one white Chester Boar. The animals are all superior, and give excellent satisfaction.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY DURING THE YEAR.

Meeting of the Directors held in June. It having been brought to the notice of the meeting that the condition of one of the bulls was unsatisfactory to the Society, it was resolved that a quantity of oats should be purchased and fed to the animal, and six dollars were drawn from the Treasurer and expended for that purpose.

Special meeting of the Society was held on October 14th for the purpose of taking measures to procure thorough-bred stock. The Directors were authorized to sell the boar owned by the Society and purchase another thorough-bred white Chester, if possible. The Directors employed an agent to attend the sale of pigs imported by the Central Board, who purchased a boar for \$27.00.

Dec. 5th.—Annual meeting held. Attendance good. Officers for the ensuing year were elected:—W. H. Hogge, Pres.; James Maxwell, Vice-Pres.; Wm. W. Pickings, Sec'y and Treas. Directors—C. W. Daniels, Frank Fulton, Wm. M. Hiltz, W. W. Ramsey, E. C. Banks.

Arrangements were made for keeping the stock owned by the Society for the coming year. The parties keeping the bulls to receive \$48 each. Fees for service, 50 cents per cow. Amount thus realized to go towards defraying the charge