

Reports of Agrl. Societies.

AMHERST AGR. SOCIETY.

We learn by a communication from Hiram Black, Esq., M. P. P., that this Society has not qualified for participation in the Provincial grant this year. The excitement attending the Cumberland election seems to have been the cause of this unfortunate result. We hope that the farmers of a district so conspicuous for its fertility, will not allow their Society to go down. The officers elected for the present year are James M. Layton, *President*; Torrey Bent, *Vice-President*; Charles H. Bent, *Treasurer*; Hiram Black, M.P.P., *Sec'y*; Jeffry N. Gordon, James E. Page, Hood Coates, Wm. Freeman, Amos Fowler, *Director*.

UNION AGR. SOCIETY, DIGBY CO.

BARTON, *Digby Co., Dec. 18th, 1874.*

The annual meeting of the Union Agricultural Society was held this day. Treasurer's account as follows:

Dr.	
To cash paid for seeds, &c.....	\$38 75
Expenses.....	1 00
	\$40 04
Cr.	
By balance on hand 1873.....	\$51 80
Cash for goods sold.....	18 83
	\$70 63
Cash on hand.....	\$30 59

Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*.—John S. McNeil; *Vice-Pres.* Wm. John; *Sec'y and Treas.*—Joseph S. McNeil. *Directors*.—George Juston, J. N. R. Westcott, John Dunkley, Asa Porter, jr., Henry Marr. John Dakin, Esq., nominated as a representative to the Central Board.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER AGR. SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at the usual place of meeting, on Dec. 1st. The *President*, Samuel Blois, Esq., in the chair.

The *Secretary* was called upon to read the minutes of previous meetings, which were confirmed. The *Treasurer's* account showed a list of paid up members numbering 60.

The following persons were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—*President*.—Donald McPhee; *Vice-Pres.* Donald A. McPhee; *Sec'y*.—John A. McPhee; *Treas.*—Donald Fitzpatrick. *Directors*.—John B. McDonald, Joseph Teasdale, Alex. McKenzie, Alex. McKay, and Wm. Thompson. Samuel Blois, Esq., was nominated a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

The Society last spring purchased two bulls, their cost and travelling expenses getting them here was \$127.50. One of

them had the foot rot, and after having it cleaned out, still continued going backward, until at last he was sold in the Society for the low sum of \$6. The purchaser had to kill him in a few days, he could not get up. The Society has to bear a heavy loss in losing him. The other one is to be wintered out, and will cost \$32, and ten bushels of oats next May.

At a meeting held in March. \$20 was voted towards the prize list of the Exhibition of 1874.

An auditing committee was appointed to examine the *Treasurer's* accounts, consisting of G. P. Thompson and James A. Thompson. They report as follows:

Dr.	
To 2 bulls and expenses.....	\$127 50
Board for bull to David McDonald.....	78 88
" " John Blois.....	14 40
" " John L. Kileup.....	20 30
" " Donald Fitzpatrick.....	6 25
" " D. A. McPhee.....	7 00
Secretary's fee, Jas. A. Thompson.....	5 00
	\$199 33

Cr.	
By cash on hand from 1873.....	\$54 60
Subscriptions.....	60 00
Government Grant.....	83 08
	\$197 08

Dec. 1, 1874, bal. due Treas.....\$ 2 25

SAMUEL BLOIS, *President*.
JAS. A. THOMPSON, *Sec'y*.

LOWER STEWIACKE AGR. SOC'Y.

To the Central Board of Agriculture:—

The Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society beg to submit the following report for the year 1874:

At the annual meeting held Dec. 2nd, 1873, the *Secretary* was instructed to sell the grade bull "Tam O'Shanter," and also the boar then owned by the Society. The sale was duly advertized, and took place at Stewiacke station, by public auction. The bull sold for the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), the boar for eleven dollars and seventy-five cents (11.75.) A meeting of the officers was then held to arrange for keeping the thorough-bred Ayrshire bull "Young Prince of Wales," but no one seemed anxious that the bull should be kept another year, and suitable winter quarters could not be found within the Society, so it was thought best to offer the bull at private sale, and if sold, try and replace with a young Durham in the spring. The Ayrshire bull was sold to the Onslow Agricultural Society in January, for the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00.) In the spring an effort was made to obtain a young Durham bull, but after diligent enquiry, none offering that seemed likely to suit very well, it was decided to hold the funds in hand until the Exhibition at Halifax, in October, and purchase a bull there.

Three of the officers, W. H. Hogg, Walter J. Dail and E. C. Banks, were

appointed a committee to visit the Exhibition for that purpose; they accordingly purchased from Levi Clark of Cornwallis, a very superior grade Durham Bull "Lord Dufferin," one year old, which took the first prize in his class, and for which the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was paid. All the members that have seen the animal are highly pleased with him, and as a superior thorough-bred of the age required could not be obtained, the committee could not do better than they have done. As we have had no stock in the Society the past season, the members could not derive the benefit they otherwise would, and a number have left the Society; but others have joined and the Society will be sustained, and we trust will be a means of agricultural improvement, a source of greater benefit to the community, and more profit to the members than heretofore. As will be seen by referring to the *Treasurer's* report, the Society is now out of debt, and, after paying all claims, a small balance remains in the *Treasurer's* hands.

We have been blessed with a bountiful hay crop and a fine season for securing it, but owing to the wet and unfavorable spring, the crop of potatoes is very poor. The grain crop was a poor one, but the breadth sown much smaller than ordinary years.

Annual meeting held Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st, 1874. Statement of past year's proceedings received and *Treasurer's* report read and approved. All the officers were re-elected to serve another year, viz:—*President*.—W. H. Hogg; *Vice-Pres.*—E. C. Banks; *Sec'y and Treas.*—W. W. Pickings. *Directors*.—James Fisher, Walter J. Daniel, R. J. Pollock, Alex. L. Archibald and John McColough.

The following bye-laws were unanimously adopted:—

No. 7. After the 1st of January, A. D., 1875, an entrance fee of three dollars, (\$3.00) shall be charged any and every person joining this Society in addition to their annual subscription.

[This Bye-Law is illegal.]

No. 1. The annual subscription shall be paid in, on, or before the first of October in each year.

Israel Longworth was nominated for Central Board.

W. H. HOGG, *President*.
W. W. PICKINGS, *Secretary*.

The Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society in account with W. W. Pickings, *Treasurer*.

Dr.	
To bal. of last year's account.....	\$ 38 77
Journals of Agriculture.....	4 09
6 weeks keep of boar, per W. H. Hogg.....	3 00
Oyercharge of service fees of bull, last year.....	2 00
Keep of Ayrshire bull 5 weeks.....	\$ 7 00
Purchase of Bull, Lord Dufferin.....	100 00
Freight on ".....	95
3 weeks keep bull, per W. H. Hogg.....	8 00
Secretary, for stationery, postage, &c.....	1 00