

At the last Annual Meeting an order was passed that a few pens of the most approved poultry be imported from Great Britain, with the view of improving the breed in the Colony. This poultry arrived in the month of May in fine condition, and sold at public auction shortly after arrival. The birds, although of the finest description, did not fetch prices to cover all the cost and charges; but this small outlay your Committee consider a most legitimate and beneficial one, looking at the great improvement taking place in this department of husbandry.

In the Annual Report of last year, it was recommended that special attention be given to keeping up the quality of the dairy stock in the colony. Your committee accordingly entered into correspondence with Michael Dwyer, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., and Mr. Henry Longworth, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. Through the kindness of Mr. Dwyer and Professor Lawson, of Halifax, your Committee was furnished with lists of improved dairy stock for sale at the time in Nova Scotia.

From this list the two-and-a-half year old Short-horn bull "Bretwalda" was selected, and a telegram forwarded at once to purchase. The order did not arrive in time, the bull having been purchased for one of the Agricultural Societies of Nova Scotia.

Early in June, Mr. Dwyer succeeded in selecting and purchasing on account of the Society, the three-year old Durham bull, "Benedict," and forwarded the animal by the steamer *Cortes*.

This bull (one of the finest ever brought to the colony) was landed here in fine condition, along with a remarkably handsome heifer of the Ayrshire breed, a present from Mr. Dwyer to the Society. This bull has been sold to Mr. Jocelyn, under such conditions as will secure to the colony the objects for which the animal was imported.

The young heifer has been placed in the care of Mr. Chas. Rielly, of St. John's West, under conditions that will secure the progeny for breeding purposes.

Your committee take this opportunity of expressing to Mr. Dwyer and to Professor Lawson, of Halifax, the thanks of the Society, for their kind and punctual attention to its requirements; and especially to Mr. Dwyer for the very handsome present of the Ayrshire heifer. From Prince Edward's Island your Committee succeeded in obtaining a highly-bred yearling Durham bull, pedigree recorded in the Herd-Book of Nova Scotia. This young bull was bred on the farm of Henry Longworth, Esq., of Charlottetown, and purchased from him on very reasonable terms for this Society. Mr. Chas. Rielly was the purchaser of this young animal, and, under his care and

management, your Committee feel confident that the objects of the importation will be fully carried out. Under similar conditions your Committee sold to Mr. Bradshaw of Placentia, a yearling Short-horn bull, obtained through the agency of Messrs. J. & W. Pitts.

It is gratifying to know that sheep raising continues to increase in value as an industry of the colony; and with the view of assisting and encouraging those engaged in it, your Committee expended a considerable part of the Agricultural Grant in purchasing sheep for the outlying settlements; and also imported from P. E. Island four rams of very superior quality, and have had them placed in St. John's East and West, and on Belle Isle, in localities where most wanted to improve the breed.

It is satisfactory to know that the chief impediment to sheep raising in the colony is gradually being removed, in some of the Districts the number of dogs having been to some extent lessened during the past year.

Your Committee's attention has also been given to providing the out-harbors with the means of improving the dairy stock, having selected and purchased young bulls of approved breed, and placed them in localities where most required.

In the month of September, Mr. Jocelyn informed the Committee that he did not wish to retain the Society's horse "Royal Harry" beyond the term of his present agreement. Your Committee therefore determined to advertise for tenders for keep of the horse in St. John's West. This was accordingly done, and the keep of the animal fell to Mr. W. Sinnott, St. John's West, in whose care the horse now is, and on whose premises "Royal Harry" will stand the ensuing season.

On the 10th of October the Society's Annual Show was held on the ground in front of the Colonial Building and on the Bannerman Road. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather, there was a strong muster of the principal farmers around St. John's, with a display of farm produce and live stock quite equal to that of any former exhibition.

The show of young horses exceeded that of any previous year, many of them giving promise of growing into useful animals. There were ten yearlings and twelve two-year olds, besides brood mares with their foals, the young stock, being, with one exception, the progeny of the Society's horse "Royal Harry," imported three years ago from New Brunswick. Two of the imported bulls mentioned in a former part of this report were on the ground, and also three of the recently imported rams from P. E. Island.

The exhibition of dairy stock was excellent, and especially conspicuous were two young heifers, bred from imported stock, on the farm of J. Baird, Esq., whose care and attention to selection seems likely to make the little herd at Hawthorn Dale the finest in the colony.

The sheep and pigs put in competition did not give a very favourable idea of what can be done around St. John's with this description of stock. That the former can be raised properly there can be no doubt, but farmers around St. John's are deterred from keeping sheep to any extent by fear of injury to their sheep by dogs.

The exhibition of poultry was quite as fine as on any former occasion, evidence that breeders are taking advantage of the imported birds to improve the various kinds.

The show of grain and vegetables was extensive and of the finest quality; and especially conspicuous was the exhibition of the various sorts of cabbage.

The Judges appointed to award the prizes, after a close inspection of the live stock and farm produce, handed in their reports, which were read, and, after an appropriate address from the President, J. T. Neville, Esq., the prizes were delivered to the successful competitors.

The Society takes this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the co-operation of His Excellency the Governor, and of the Government, in the Society's efforts to improve the Agriculture of the Colony, and thereby increase its resources; and to thank the Legislature for the grant of money in aid of the Society's funds.

The funds thus placed at the disposal of the Society have been expended with due regard to economy, and solely for the public good.

(Signed) J. T. NEVILLE,
President.
W. F. RENNIE,
Secretary.

Newfoundland Agricultural Society, in account with the Treasurer, for the year 1878.

1878.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
To	12 months' rent of Room.....		5	0	0
"	Invoice of Bull from Halifax.....		40	5	7
"	" Poultry from England.....		32	19	10
"	" Seed Potatoes from Glasgow.....		34	13	5
"	" 1 Bull and 4 Sheep from P. E. I. 27 0 0				
"	" 10 bushels Wheat from Canada 0 5 3				
"	Prizes and expenses at Show.....		02	7	0
"	3 Ploughs for out-harbors.....		8	4	6
"	Seeds for ditto.....		9	10	0
"	Cost of 02 Sheep for ditto.....		83	12	6
"	" 6 Bulls for ditto.....		53	8	3
"	" 15 Pigs for ditto.....		15	17	0
"	Keep & expenses of horse "Royal Harry" 30 15 0				
"	12 months' salary of Secretary.....		45	0	0
"	Printing and Stationery.....		3	7	6
1879.					
	Balance on hand.....		0	13	8
			£	463	10
1878.		Cr.	£	s.	d.
By	Balance from last year.....		104	15	11
"	Sales of Poultry.....		15	12	8
"	" Cattle.....		10	0	0
"	Subscriptions.....		4	15	0
"	Cheque on account of grant.....		250	0	0
1879.					
By	Cheque on account of grant.....		83	10	0
			£	463	10

JOSEPH CROWDY, Treasurer.
J. H. WAILES, } Auditors.
J. W. WRIGHT, }

I AM happy to inform you that DAISY DEAN, the "Barren Cow," dropped, on the 25th of March, a very fine heifer calf, sire, Capt. Cawood. Lady Mary also dropped a heifer on the 12th of February, sire, 2nd Gwynne of the Forest. They are both very fine calves, and doing well. I have three more to calve in a few days. My cattle are all doing well. Eliza Stewart was not in calf when I got her,—has been served since I got her, and will calve in July. She has grown a great deal, and looks remarkably well, girths, 6ft. 5in.

J. B. FRASER.