

the County. The Glenelg Society was resuscitated through the exertions of John A. Kirk, Esq., M.P.P. The members have experimented with Early Canada Fyfe Wheat, and have not found it to suit, and Early Rose Potatoes, which gave an abundant yield. Regret is expressed that one or more of the animals recently imported and sold at Halifax were not procured. The Guysborough Society was organized in March last, expended its funds in Early Rose Potatoes, and is now finding way to its proper work in a contemplated importation of Stock, especially Sheep, which are much needed in the County.

During the past year, the Yarmouth County Society (there is a separate one for the Township) has expended \$2,418. of which about \$1200 has been spent on Thoroughbred Stock. If all the Societies in the Province were to do as well as the Yarmouth one, we should have an annual local expenditure by Societies of \$145,000. The success of that society is due to the untiring zeal of C. E. Brown, Esq., the late Secretary, who retired at the close of the year, with all the honors the society could bestow. The Yarmouth Township Society has secured the Ayrshire Bull, Lord Dufferin.

In Hants, the Windsor Society appears to have made progress; the Annual Fair was held as usual. The Society invested largely in Government Stock, purchasing two bulls, at a cost of \$401.70. It is proposed to raise the annual subscription of members from \$2 to \$4, an example that should be followed all over the Province. A Farmers' Club is also in the Programme of future operations. The Hardwoodland Society report improvement, increased interest among members, and a healthy condition of funds, but regret that none of the Government Stock was purchased last Fall. With the Fenwick Society of Noel, the past has not been a very active year; a contemplated Exhibition was not carried out. Among the trial seeds distributed to members were Prairie Wheat and Alsike Clover. The Union Society of Mainland is of recent organization, and was not strong enough to purchase at the Sale of Imported Stock, but one bull and one ram have been obtained from other sources.

The Annual Meeting of the Upper Musquodoboit Society resolved itself (after statutory business was done) into a regular Farmers' Club, and discussed the question of wheat culture, methods, kinds, and manures, not forgetting weevil. Mr. Archibald, the Secretary, has, with admirable tact, put the whole wisdom of Upper Musquodoboit into a nutshell. See his Report, and then grow wheat. The Halifax County Society expended its accumulated funds in purchases of Thoroughbred Stock at the Sale of Imported animals last Fall.

In Antigonish County, Joseph McDonald, Esq., M.P.P., has taken an active part in organizing new societies. There are now three in operation, and others in course of formation. The St. Andrews Society purchased three animals last spring, and regret is expressed that some of the recent importations by the Central Board were not obtained. The Office Bearers are strongly of opinion that the earliest and most earnest efforts of the society should be directed to the introduction of thoroughbred stock of unmistakable pedigree. The Society looks forward to obtaining, in neat stock, Ayrshires, and in Sheep, Shropshires and Southdowns, as the best breeds for the county. The Morristown Society reports \$46.94 in hand.

A Society was formed late in the year in North East Margaree, where an old Society died out a few years ago. We hope to see by next report that a good use has been made of the new Society's funds. The Mabou and Port Hood Society report funds in hand \$336.05. The Report of the Boularderie Society makes much complaint of the backwardness of last spring, notwithstanding which, however, fair crops were obtained. The Society has purchased a Threshing Machine, but did not succeed in obtaining any of the stock imported by the Government, the prices being too high. The North Sydney Society has expended \$378.42; the purchase includes four pair of White Chester Pigs, which promise to be a good investment. The Sydney Mines and Little Bras d'or Society report "a lively interest in the Society's welfare;" experiments with new Potatoes very satisfactory; funds in hand \$150; disappointment from not being able to obtain any of the thoroughbred stock at last Sale of the Board, and confident hopes expressed that the Society will have a useful friend at the Board in John Ross, Esq., M.P.P., who has attended their meetings and manifested a deep and lively interest in the farmer's welfare. The Middle River of Victoria Society has not made any Stock purchases this year, but in past years has done a great deal in the improvement of cattle, sheep and pigs, so much so as to convince the incredulous of the value and importance of improved breeds, visibly producing double the quantity of beef, mutton and pork, at far less cost of feeding; the Report deplors the degeneration of the horses, and points out the necessity of improvement, which the Society proposes to accomplish by importing a Thoroughbred Stud Horse, to be kept within the Society's bounds. Expenditure during the year \$177.35. Balance in hand \$311.75.

The County of Richmond has been without a society for several years, but this blank is now filled up, Murdoch

McRae, Esq., M.P.P., having succeeded in forming a society that is likely to be permanent and useful.

The development of our Railway System is bringing the New Brunswick farmers nearer and nearer to us year by year. The New Brunswick Board has been recently in session, and there is a display of unwonted activity.

We notice below some of the Resolutions passed, which are of more than local interest. The proposal for an Inter-colonial Exhibition is especially deserving of attention; the scheme seems to contemplate a union, for this purpose, of the Boards of Agriculture of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the Agricultural Department of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Beckwith moved the following Resolution, which was agreed to:—

Whereas an importation of Stock is very much needed; and whereas the funds at the disposal of the Board will not enable them to import a sufficient quantity to be of permanent benefit to the country; therefore.

Resolved,—That it is desired that the Executive Committee put themselves in communication with the various Agricultural Societies, respecting the obtaining of a Grant from them of two thousand dollars from their Grants of 1874; that this Board contribute \$2000; that steps be taken to obtain a Resolution of the House of Assembly, requesting the Financial Secretary to include the sum of \$1000 in the estimates of 1874 in furtherance of this object, and that a loan of \$2000 be obtained from the Bank, making a total of \$10,000, and that this Board do at their next meeting make all necessary arrangements for the procuring of Stock to the extent of 10,000, including the expense of importing them to St. John, or to such other port as may be most advantageous, to be then sold at public auction, the money borrowed from the Banks to be paid from the first moneys received from such importation.

On motion, Mr. Beckwith was appointed to bring the subject under consideration of the Government and Legislature.

On motion—

Resolved,—That M. P. Greene, Esq., V.S., be appointed Veterinary Surgeon to the Provincial Board of Agriculture, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

Mr. Greene, V. S., delivered an address in relation to Influenza Epizootic, at the close of which a vote of thanks was passed to that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Inches,

Resolved,—That the Exhibition be held at Fredericton the present year, subject to the Resolution passed yesterday, in relation thereto.—Passed.

On motion, Classes 12, 13, 14, 15 of Premium List were brought up for consideration.

The following was moved as a special Regulation to classes 12 and 13—and adopted:—

The first and second horses in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in Class 13, before obtaining their respective prizes, shall have