

vented planting it on account of the land being wet.—Potatoes, a very poor crop, being much injured by blight; in wet lands fall two thirds rotted.—Turnips, a fair yield.—Beets and Carrots, good where sown; many farmers were prevented from sowing their seed on account of the wet.—Apples, an abundant crop.—Cherries, a very poor crop, full one half rotted before getting ripe.

Having discharged our duties for the past year, for the best interest and welfare of the Society, as far as the means at our command would admit, it will be for our successors in office to make the necessary provisions for the interest of the Society during the coming year, that the Society may increase in numbers and usefulness, and all may be done by the well understood wishes of its members.

WILLIAM AYMAR, *Secy. & Treas.*

Officers and Directors for 1873:—*President*, John Dakin; *Vice President*, Benjamin Hardy; *Secretary and Treasurer*, William Aymar; *Directors*: Charles E. Warne, Chas. T. Potter, Abraham L. Gavil, John Nichols, Robert J. Turnbull.

John Dakin, Esq., was elected to meet with representatives of other Societies to elect a member to represent the several Societies in this County at the Central Board of Agriculture.

#### ST. ANDREWS AGRI. SOCIETY, CO. ANTIGONISH.

The operations of the Society for the past year have been confined to the purchase, management and disposal of neat stock. With this object in view, three animals were procured last Spring, two of which were obtained within the limits of the County, and the third an excellent Durham grade, was obtained at Windsor Forks, in the County of Hants, through the kindly recommendation of Henry Allison, Esq., M. P. P., to whom the Society now desire to tender their grateful acknowledgements. Having disposed of the two animals our financial statement stands briefly as follows:—

Dr. ....	\$27.41
Cr. ....	\$22.89

Which leaves us \$7.52 in arrears. We have, however, the Annual Grant for the past year yet to draw upon, which, with the accruing subscriptions for the incoming year, places the Society upon an efficient footing for future operations.

It is felt as a matter for deep regret, that our Society did not participate in the benefit derived from the recent Thorough-bred Stock sale of the Central Board. The Office-bearers and Committee are strongly of the opinion that the earliest and most earnest efforts of the Society should be directed to the introduction of thorough-bred stock of unmistakable pedigree, not only in neat stock, but in sheep, swine and horses as well. By entering on such a course, in procuring pure blood, we shall realize at once the aim and object of our labours, hopes and anxieties, as our stock would, in such a case, attain at once the desired standard. On the other hand, if we follow out the course hitherto pursued to a great extent, in obtaining animals of inferior grade and doubtful pedigree, all our painstaking efforts will inevitably result in partial failure, and under such circumstances no progress can be made. In this connection the grade Durham, above referred to, being a very superior animal, has in a great measure

retrieved the operations of the Society for the past year, and has had a marked effect by increasing the number of subscribers to the Society for the past as well as for the incoming year. The Upper South River, has in this respect outstripped all our other Sections in the race of improvement.

Our Society has scarcely been two years in existence, this being our second Annual Report, yet the progress made has been of a very satisfactory character. The attention of farmers generally throughout this township has been directed to the recent sales of the Central Board, from which we augur the best results. It is our intention therefore to attend the stock sale next autumn, and participate in its advantages as circumstances may direct. Our operations for the ensuing year will be given to improvements in neat stock and sheep—Ayrshires in the first case, and Shropshires and Southdowns in the latter, being just now most in favor.

JOSEPH McDONALD, *President*.  
D. CHISHOLM, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREWS, Dec. 3rd, 1872.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, Donald Chisholm; *Vice President*, Allan McDonald; *Secy. and Treasurer*, Dominican Chisholm; *Directors*: Joseph McDonald, M. P. P.; John Cummings, Alex. Chisholm, Donald Chisholm, Peter McFarlane, Esqs.

#### LOWER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society beg leave to submit the following Report for the year 1872:

It gives us pleasure to report that our Society has passed successfully through another year—a year that has been a trying one for farmers, and that, notwithstanding many difficulties with which we have to contend, owing partly to the fact that the members live scattered over a somewhat large section, which renders it difficult for all to derive a benefit, and consequently to give general satisfaction, we feel justified in regarding our condition satisfactory. Our membership now numbers forty-seven, being an increase of seven during the year. The stock owned at present consist of one thorough bred Ayrshire Bull—"Young Prince of Wales"; one superior grade bull, and one thorough-bred White Chester boar. As the animals are giving good satisfaction, it is probable they will be retained for another year. The business of our Society for the past year has not been important. At a meeting held August 22nd, it was resolved to enter the Ayrshire bull for the exhibition at Truro; and, at a subsequent meeting, Sept. 10th, as there seemed a desire on the part of some to obtain a Durham Bull, Mr. Maxwell, Vice-President, was authorized to offer the bull "Young Prince of Wales" for sale. The bull was accordingly exhibited, and received the first prize, but no purchaser found to offer a satisfactory price, so the animal has not been disposed of; but as it seems desirable to have a third bull, an effort will be made to obtain a Durham for the coming year and keep those now on hand.

It is hardly necessary to say much on the subject of crops. However, hay, which is the main staple in this section, was an abundant yield, considerably above that of average years; but grain and roots are far below, and

potatoes show a marked tendency to rot; still, considering the untavourableness of the season throughout, farmers have no need to be discouraged.

Treasurer reports, December 2nd, 1872:—

Balance due from last year .....	\$50.67
Expenditure for the present year .....	118.67
	169.34
Receipts for the present year .....	139.00

Balance due Treasurer .....

\$30.34

Annual meeting held December 2nd, 1872. President in the chair. Minutes read and approved. Statement of proceedings for the year given and received. Treasurer's report adopted. Officers elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, W. H. Hoggie; *Vice-Pres.*, James Maxwell; *Secretary and Treasurer*, W. W. Pickings; *Directors*, Wm. McDaniell, W. W. Ramsay, W. M. Hiltz, E. C. Banks, and Job Dart.

Secretary read an interesting communication from Israel Longworth, Esq., and it was resolved that the Secretary tender to Mr. Longworth the thanks of the meeting. R. J. Pollock, Esq., elected to represent this Society in accordance with the Act of 1871.

W. H. HOGGIE, *President*.  
W. W. PICKINGS, *Sec'y*.

#### STIRLING AGRI. SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE STIRLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, DEC. 3RD, 1873.

The Directors of the Stirling Agricultural Society beg leave to Report that the receipts of the Society for the past year have amounted to \$196.64, while the expenses for the same time have been \$164.69, leaving a balance in favour of the Society amounting to \$72.05.

The membership of the Society number 50, two more than was certified to the Secretary of the Central Board.

In compliance with the wishes of the members at the semi-annual meeting, your Directors have succeeded in obtaining a short-horn Durham Bull from Henry Longworth, Esq., of P. E. Island; also a present of a Leicester Ram Lamb from Mr. Longworth.

With regard to crops, we have to report hay an average. Wheat, quite below an average. Oats, not half a crop. Buckwheat, a good crop. Potatoes, a good crop.

The following persons were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, commencing December 3rd, 1872:—*President*, David Wilson; *Vice-President*, James McCully; *Treasurer*, William Byers; *Secretary*, Wm. Creighton; *Directors*, Andrew Warwick, John Swan, Wm. McLeod, and James Cock.

WM. CREIGHTON, *Secy*.

#### WEST CORNWALLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

*Report*.—The Officers of your Society have the satisfaction of reporting to you, as last year, the uniform progress which continues to attend your efforts for the improvement of your stock. We are glad the suggestions of last year's report commended themselves to your judgment and received your earliest possible attention. We hope the recent purchase of the government stock, sold in the City of Halifax, may fully meet your expectations, and that James A. Cox, Esq., the purchaser may enjoy the full satisfaction of seeing the Society's interest as