

Richardson & Co., Worcester Mass., its admirable working and the saving of labour and time has induced them to import two more this season from the same establishment, so that taking a retrospective view of the proceedings of this Society from its institution to the present every experienced agriculturist must readily acknowledge the wonderful progress made. These improvements are chiefly attributable to the liberal support received from the Board of Agriculture from year to year, and their zeal in the promotion of the cause of agriculture generally throughout the Province.

The result arising from the importation of thorough-bred stock in this Society is no less visible than that of improved machinery: the Alderney Bull purchased at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868 now proves what he was represented to be; as also the change made by the Rams purchased at the same time, so that our stock of sheep now shew a great change, and the quantity as well as the quality of the wool from the present yields at least double that produced from the old degenerated breeds. Our pigs have also undergone a wonderful improvement by the introduction of the Berkshire Breed, yielding double the quantity of pork and at a far less cost of feeding. This Society has this winter purchased three of the pigs sent down here by the Government, one Chester Boar and a Boar and Sow of the Yorkshire Breed.

Whilst acknowledging these improvements the Directors feel grateful to a kind Providence in bestowing on this locality a bountiful harvest notwithstanding the dearth that threatened this part of the country during the months of May and June, but the copious showers of warm rain which fell so abundantly in July and August have remedied the threatened evil, and in order to give a detailed account of the state of the crops during the past season we begin with—

**Hay.**—This crop is generally one-third less than that of last year, particularly on sandy soils owing to the unusual drowth of May and June, but on uplands and loamy soils the yield is better.

**Wheat.**—This crop seems to be a total failure and consequently very sparingly sown, and what little was put in the ground was nearly destroyed by the fly.

**Oats.**—This crop yielded well both in grain and straw, so that the deficiency in the hay crop will be balanced by the extra average of the oat crop, so that in the opinion of your Directors, the average yield of oats within the bounds of this Society will be double that of last year.

**Barley.**—Owing to the failure in the Wheat crop this crop is more extensively sown, and this year yielded a paying crop.

**Buckwheat.**—This crop has yielded well this season and is now sown on a larger scale.

**Potatoes.**—This crop has turned out wonderfully, and in many instances averaging fifteen to the one planted.

**Green Crops.**—Turnips a total failure owing to a grub which destroyed the roots early in August, but carrots and other root crops have done well.

The Office Bearers of this Society for the ensuing year are as follows:—**Pres.**, John McDonald, Esq.; **Vice-Pres.**, Hector Campbell; **Sec'y.**, John McLennan; **Treas.**, Kenneth McDonald; **Directors**, John McDonald, Edward McLeod, Wm. Cain, Donald McQuain, and Donald McLean.

JOHN McLENNAN, Sec'y.

## UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EAST CORNWALLIS.

This Society has held the two regular quarterly meetings according to the constitution, since the last annual meeting, at which the ordinary business of the Society has been transacted and recorded.

It has held also one informal meeting, and one special meeting, regularly called, to make arrangements for the purchase of a Bull at the Provincial sale, which has resulted in securing the very fine bull, Bell Duke of Markham.

There has been added to our Society during the past year thirty members, which has swelled the whole number to the rather uncommonly high figure of eighty-nine.

In April last we purchased the bull Lobo Lad at \$100, which is paid for; and three bulls were kept during the summer months until the September quarterly meeting, when the white bull, Yeoman, was sold to Edwin Chase for \$33. The Society now owns three bulls, namely, Sir William, Lobo Lad, Bell Duke of Markham. The bulls have been patronized well, but owing to the failure of cows to be with calf, a small return may be expected for their work during the summer months.

Bell Duke of Markham having cost \$205, has involved the Society considerably in debt, there not being any funds in hand to meet this purchase except the proportion of the Provincial grant coming to this Society, the warrant for which has not come down to me, and therefore does not enter into this year's funds.

We have gradually increased in numbers and in available funds and property during the past four years, and there appears to be now a greatly increased interest manifested by the members and the public generally in the objects of an Agricultural Society. Some very fine young stock is now to be seen around the country as the result of the efforts of this Society.

We have not held any County Exhibition the present year, thinking we could employ the funds at our disposal to better advantage by purchasing stock of improved breeds than in any other way. We accordingly sent a Committee to Halifax to attend the sale of imported stock, that Committee purchased the two year old bull Duke of Markham. The Committee were also requested to purchase a pig if they thought it advisable, but from some cause did not.

Some of the wheat and Norway oats which were imported by the Board, and purchased by individual members of the Society, did very well in most instances; and we believe that wheat and oats both were a fair crop generally.

**Barley.**—A very good crop for the quantity sown.

**Rye.**—Not enough sown to be able to report on.

**Potatoes.**—The Early Rose we think will prove worthy of cultivation, as also the Garnet Chili, but owing to the great quantity of rain there is general complaint of rot, some varieties very bad.

**Hay.**—On upland and interval was a fair crop, and also on dyke that was not overflowed with water, but the high tide of 1869 damaged a large portion of dyke in this County, some a total loss.

Vegetables of all kinds were an average crop.

**Hemp.**—We are not aware of any hemp seed being sown in this County.

Fruit was much damaged by the wind in September; it is estimated that from one-fourth to one-third of the entire crop was lost. But notwithstanding the loss the fruit was of excellent quality; that exhibited at the Fruit Growers exhibition was seldom if ever equalled in this County.

The Treasurer reports that he has received from all sources during the past year, not including the Provincial Grant for 1870, nor any of the fees for the services of bulls during last summer, the considerable sum of \$425.50, which has been expended and paid out according to the following account:—

Received from 85 Members, annual dues	\$ 85.00
for services of Bulls, &c	339.50
	\$425.50
Purchase of Lobo Lad	\$100.00
Keep of Bulls and incidental expenses	313.50
Secretary and Treasurer's fee, voted	12.00
	\$425.50

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:—

**Pres.**—Leander Rand.

**Vice-Pres.**—John E. Ellis.

**Sec. and Treas.**—Jonathan Rand.

**Council.**—Asahel Bently, John Thomas, John T. Newcomb, George Lockwood, Thos. O'Brien.

## TATAMAGOUCHIE AGRI. SOCIETY.

The Society met on 6th December. The Treasurer submitted his accounts.

The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year:

**Pres.**—E. D. Roach.

**Vice-Pres.**—Jas. Clark.

**Treas.**—John Clark.

**Sec'y.**—W. A. Patterson.

**Directors.**—David Nelson, Robt. Bell, Dan. Morrow, David Fraser, John Borymon.

W. A. PATTERSON, Sec.

## WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

The annual Fair and Cattle Show of Windsor Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The attendance was better than any for the last seven years.

In neat cattle several pairs of good fat oxen were shown. A pair of grade Durhams six years old, bred and owned by Mr. John McHesley, one weighing 2140 pounds, the other 2135, and which have been till within a very short time in constant work, were very much admired for their fine form, good points and apparently easy disposition to take on flesh, proving the value of short horn blood for fattening purposes.

The stock in working oxen, bulls and cows, taking them as a fair specimen of the district without any extra preparation, were very creditable.

Young stock of two years old and under were very good, and gave promise of much improvement in their department as they arrive at maturity.

There was a fair show of sheep, but nothing in their appearance to show improvement on some past years.

The show of pigs was small but some very good specimens were on the ground.

Grain prizes of all descriptions were well competed for, and the samples of excellent quality.