

This society has, for years past, improved the breed of cattle by the Durham and Ayrshire, and sheep by the Leicester; and this season they have imported two very fine rams of the Cotswold sheep, and one Berkshire boar pig from the stock of H. E. Decie, Esq., of Annapolis county, which will make a considerable improvement in the breed of sheep and pigs.

We now give the state of the crops:
Hay.—This crop turned out well, yielding about two-thirds over the growth of last year, and saved in good condition.—This article commands a high price owing to the quantity consumed in the different coalmines of Cape Breton.

Oats.—This crop turned out well, and far above the average of last year, both in quantity and quality.

Barley.—This crop yielded well, something like one-third over the average of last year.

Wheat.—Owing to the ravages of the fly the crop had to be abandoned in this locality, and large quantities of barley sowed instead.

Potatoes.—This crop being early affected by the blight, consequently did not come to the usual growth, averaging six bushels to the one planted, and keeps well in the cellars since housed.

Exports.—640 head of cattle, 720 sheep, 1700 tubs of butter for the Newfoundland market, besides a large quantity of beef, pork and butter, to the Halifax market.

State of the Society's Funds.

To balance in Treasurer's hands,	
in 1864 - - - - -	\$120 00
Subscription of members, 1865 -	80 00
Government bounty for 1865 -	80 00
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	\$280 00
By paid Allan McLean, bounty	
for 3 bears killed, at \$2 each -	\$6 00
J. G. McLeod, do. - - - - -	2 50
For 2 rams Cotswold sheep - -	40 00
Freight and expenses on do. from	
Annapolis to Middle River -	40 85
One Berkshire boar pig - - -	12 00
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	\$101 35
	280 00
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	\$178 65
Deduct for incidental expenses	12 00
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	\$166 65
Add nett proceeds of sales of two	
rams and one pig - - - - -	61 20
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	\$237 85

Balance in Treasurer's hands.
 JOHN McLELLAN, Sec'y.
 Dec. 26, 1865.

BADDECK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At an annual meeting of the Baddeck Agricultural Society held in the Court

House, in Baddeck, on the 5th day of December, 1865. William Jones, *Vice-President*, presiding, Robert A. Jones, *Secretary*.

The report of the President and Directors of said society was read and approved of by the society.

Amount of subscriptions - -	\$41 00
" in fund last annual meeting	112 00
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	\$153 00
" (including expenses) paid	
for Alderney Cow and Calf	57 55
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This amount in fund - -	\$95 45

Proceeds of sale of Cow, due 2nd	
January, from A. Taylor -	17 00
Proceeds of sale of Calf due 2nd	
January, from Franc. Arnold	17 00
Amt. of Prov. allowance not paid	49 00
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Total amount at disposal of soc.	\$178 45

We further beg to report that in the early part of the spring we endeavored to get breeding stock for the use of the society. After several enquiries being made, we ascertained that an Alderney bull, cow, and calf, could be purchased at Truro from one Mr. Blanchard, the former for \$16.00, and the latter for \$40.00, which we agreed to purchase, and entered into arrangements for that purpose; but after arrangements being made a swelling was noticed by the owners growing on the neck of the bull, consequently we did not purchase him, but we purchased the cow and calf at \$40.00; the expenses of them from Halifax amounted to \$17.55, making the sum mentioned in the foregoing statement of \$57.55; the cow was sold by us at auction on the second day of October last, for \$17.00, and purchased by A. Taylor, Esq., to be paid in three months from that date; the calf was also sold on the same day, and purchased by Francis Arnold for \$17.00, also payable in three months; both of which are to be kept for the use of the society for three years, as may be fully understood on reference to the minutes of a meeting of the Board held on the 4th September last; the calf is a fine promising animal, and no doubt if well cared for, will prove to be a great improvement to the breed of cattle in this district. After being disappointed in the arrangements made concerning the Alderney bull, we made several enquiries as to where the pure Durham, Alderney or Ayrshire bulls could be purchased, but failed in getting any satisfactory information, except from advertisements in the *Agricultural Journal*, and before we had time to communicate with the owners, the animals were either sold, or on enquiry being made would not suit our society. We also made enquiries for good sheep, cattle and pigs, but failed to get anything satisfactory. The advertisement for the sale of the government

sheep was not noticed by us until too late to make arrangements to purchase some of them, and even if we had time, we fear the sale was too high for us to purchase. Some of the rams sold as high as \$92.00.

We are in hopes that in the course of another year, as our funds are increasing and good breeding cattle are getting more numerous in the Province, we will have less difficulty in getting suitable cattle, sheep, and pigs for the use of our society.

We made no arrangements for cattle shows and premiums, as we were desirous to expend the funds in the purchase of cattle, &c.

We are unable to offer any remarks of importance on the agriculture of the country. Hay is an average crop. Oats a fair crop of straw, but much injured by the rust in many parts of the country. Barley a fair crop for the quantity sown. Wheat very little sown. Potatoes are much less than an average crop. Turnips a failure.

Before concluding these remarks we would earnestly urge the members to lend their assistance in promoting the interests of the society; our united efforts with the funds now at our disposal may be the means of promoting the agricultural interests of the district to great extent.

The following persons were duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—*President*, Alexander Taylor; *Vice-President*, William Jones; *Secretary*, Robert A. Jones; *Treasurer*, James Crowdis, *Directors*: David McCurdy, George Ingraham, James Kelly, jr., Alexander Cameron, Robert Anderson.

ROBT. A. JONES, *Secretary*.
 Baddeck, 4th December, 1865.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

YARMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Hebron, Yarmouth, Dec. 15, '65.

The society met at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday the 5th December, Josiah Raymond, Esq., *President*, in the chair; and, after closing up the affairs of the society for the past year in a satisfactory manner, proceeded to re-organize.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Josiah Raymond; *Vice-Pres.*, H. Sanders; *Sec'y*, Jas. Crosby; *Treas.*, Chas. Cahan; *Directors*, Isaiah Crosby, John Trask, Henry Burrell, Nathan Butler, Hezekiah Porter.

The society's exhibition took place on Wednesday, 11th October. The stock on exhibition was superior to any exhibited at previous fairs, and articles of manufacture fully equal; the different kinds of grain were rather below former years,—grain of most kinds was a light crop this section.