

bred Jersey Heifers (in calf) and a young Jersey bull, at an aggregate cost of \$227.87. The Heifers were sold at auction to Members on condition that the first two calves of each, sired by a thorough-bred Jersey bull, should be the Society's property. The amount realized on the heifers, under these conditions, was only \$22 short of their original cost.

The East Bay Society has purchased a bull Willie Devon.

The Christmas Island Society held an Exhibition of Calves, Lamb and Grain, raised by members, and awarded prizes to the amount of \$18.50; the moneys thus awarded were judiciously spent, as the prize winners took some of the best prizes at the Island Exhibition, particularly in case of calves, oats and barley.

This Society reports as follows:

It is to be regretted that the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly last Session did not afford sufficient inducement to Societies to undertake the importation of Sheep. It is the opinion of the Society that such importations should be made through the Board of Agriculture, as in that case a larger importation could be made at a much cheaper rate. The Society made an importation of seed oats and of a number of pigs last spring.

The Boularderie Society has expended \$125 in purchase of a Threshing Machine.

In Colchester County, the Onslow Society reports that, in conjunction with other Societies in the District, they imported \$300 worth of Sheep, and sold them to members, in accordance with the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly for the Importation of Sheep. The Onslow Society imported 13 sheep, which cost \$162, and realized \$96.50. The Society owns four thorough-bred Durham bulls.

The re-formed Shubenacadie Society has purchased a Durham Bull Calf, King Lear.

The Brookfield Agricultural Society, County Colchester, report that they joined with the Onslow Society in making an importation of Sheep under the Government bonus. The sheep were sold by auction to Members of the Society. There is a marked improvement in the stock within the bounds of the Society since its formation, and still greater improvement is confidently hoped for in the future.

The Londonderry Society, (Co. Colchester), report as owning two Short Horn Durham Bulls, 3 Leicester Rams, 2 Shropshires, and 2 Southdowns.

The Bass River Society has sold to members thoroughbred sheep, imported from Prince Edward Island, together with those purchased last year.

In Cumberland County three new societies have been formed. The Amherst Society has added to its stock a thoroughbred Short Horn Durham Calf.

The Mapleton Society (formed in March 1882) purchased the thoroughbred Short Horn Bull, Eastern Prince.

The Digby Northern Society reports, as within its bounds, 1 Jersey Bull and 1 Ayrshire Bull (owned by Society); two Ayrshire and one Jersey Cow, of private ownership.

The Digby Central Society has purchased two Short Horn Bulls.

The Weymouth Society purchased a pure bred Devon Bull and two Leicester Rams. An annual exhibition was held, at which premiums to the value of \$67.92 were awarded; although not fully patronized by the members, it was a better show than any previous one.

The Hillsburgh Society purchased two Ayrshires, male and female, also a Devon Bull and a boar. A marked improvement is reported.

A new society, organized in Polling District No. 3, Cumberland Co., reports that, in consequence of the County being largely a lumbering district, agriculture has made but little advancement; clover seed is too sparingly sown, harrowing very imperfectly performed, and greater attention is needed in preparing fertilizers. Exhibitions have not proved a success as a means of advancing agricultural interests. The general good will be more fully gained by purchase of superior stock, and improved seeds of grain, potatoes, turnips, grass, clover and garden vegetables.

The Argyle Society, County Guysborough, wishing to improve the quality of oats grown in the section, imported seed oats from Ontario, but they arrived rather late to have a success this season. The Society purchased the thoroughbred Short Horn Bull Gwynne of Lucyfield last spring.

In Halifax County, at the Annual Meeting of the County Society, a resolution, moved by M. J. Power, M.P.P., seconded by Mr. P. Jack, was unanimously passed, that, in view of the great and rapidly increasing value of our domestic animals, and the importance of maintaining them in perfect health, the Directors be requested to consider what means may be adopted to secure the services of a competent Veterinary Surgeon for the city and Province. The Directors have accordingly requested an interview with the Board on the subject at the next meeting.

The Directors were also required by resolution moved by Mr. McKerron, seconded by Mr. Power, to enquire into the subject of Milk Supply to the city of Halifax, with special regard to the health of the cows from which it is derived.

At the Society's Annual Meeting Major-General Laurio presented samples of Indian Corn Ensilage from one of his Silos at Oakfield, which were tested by several members and pronounced quite sweet, and obviously excellent food for stock.

The Dartmouth Society held an exhibition for which a sum of \$150.00 was voted as a prize fund and an additional sum of \$103.00 subscribed by friends. The display of garden vegetables was especially fine. An address was delivered by His Worship Warden Payzant, which has been printed in the *Journal of Agriculture*.

In Hants County, the Windsor Society held an exhibition at Port Edward, Windsor, on 28th September, the prize list of which will be found in the Society's Report, (p. 72). The exhibits were large in quantity, and superior in quality to those of any former Exhibition of the Society. The Report goes on to say that the demand for cattle has been fair, prices ruling high; the shipment of beef to the Mother Country from our Province has given a decided impulse to beef raised throughout the County. Sheep in good demand, and prices ruled high.

In Inverness County, the LeMoino Society has purchased two thoroughbred bulls, the Short Horn Prince of Lucyfield and Ayrshire "Woodside." The society also imported sheep.

The Whycoconagh Society purchased the Short Horn Bull Lord Lucyfield.

In King's County, the Union Agricultural Society purchased two thoroughbred Durham Bulls, Marquis of Lorne and Prince Leopold, which have proved satisfactory. Experience proves that the prosperity of Agricultural Societies in the County depends largely upon the successful rearing of Short Horn stock, and there is no section of the Province where this variety is more eagerly sought after.

The Aylesford Society has made arrangements for holding quarterly meetings for the discussion of Agricultural subjects, to be held on the last Monday of February, May, August and November. The number of Members of this Society has decreased; this does not show a falling off, however, as one of its sections has formed an independent Society, the Tremont, and the parent Society has shown its good will by presenting to the new institution the Short Horn Bull Leo, 146, as a "freedom blessing."

The Farmers' Society report purchase of Short Horn Bull, Young Wetherby.

In Lunenburg County, the Lunenburg Agricultural Society report that, in order to advance the objects of the Society, without drawing too heavily on its funds, a majority of the members are