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JUNE came in this year with wet, drizzly weather, followed by clear cold days; where seeds are in the ground the moisture will bring them forward rapidly, so soon as the weather becomes warm. The hardwood trees are leafing out in the woods, cherries and strawberries are beginning to show blossom in the gardens, and in light and well-drained soils early potatoes are already showing well. March was a bad month for the grass, but ever since then we have had weather exactly suited to the spring growth of timothy and clover. The hay crop will be looked to with unusual interest this year, as over large portions of this Continent, every scrap of last season's hay has been used up. At Belleville, Ontario, unscrewed hay was selling, two weeks ago, at forty-five dollars a ton, and in some parts of our own Province there has been great scarcity. A poor crop of hay this season would, therefore, be a serious disaster, and would of necessity entail unusually heavy sales of live stock next Fall.

In Ontario, the past winter has been a trying one. For a period of many years previous, winter wheat has not suffered so much. In many fields not a single living wheat root is to be found, and the full extent of loss cannot as yet be ascertained. In the Western States we hear of similar complaints. In Bermuda the

Onion crop has been seized with disease, and the barrels of early Potatoes, now being shipped to New York, are said to bring higher prices than barrels of flour, in consequence of there being about a tenth of the usual crop. The principal injury to potatoes was caused by winds, which blew the stalks out of the ground,—a phenomenon similar to that experienced in Cape Breton last season.

The destruction of delicate plants, trees and shrubs by the frosts of the past winter is far beyond any previous experience in Nova Scotia. Among common deaths we may notice roses, spiræas, young laburnums and robinias, almonds, peaches, raspberries, strawberries, pansies, Japan lilies, Californian cypress, mahonia, honey-suckles, &c. Even young plants of the native white pine, fir, and hemlock are browned in exposed places, and we observe a large brake of wild raspberries, whose every cane has been withered into a lifeless stick. Let cultivators take a note of the absolute necessity of protecting all tender things against the accident of such a winter. The best protection for herbaceous plants such as strawberries, and flexile shrubs such as raspberries, is to cover them on the ground with spruce boughs, pegged down, so as not to be blown away by March winds if the soil should happen to thaw then as it did this year.

The Central Board of Agriculture intend to meet at Halifax on the 25th day of the present month. Their attention will be almost entirely devoted to the necessary arrangements for carrying out the approaching Provincial Exhibition. Our readers are aware that through the courtesy of His Excellency General O'Grady Haly, and His Honor Lieut. Governor Archibald, the necessary grounds have been obtained for the erection of cattle sheds. Messrs. Gordon & Keith have granted a right of way from Dundonald Street, to the Governor's Field, where, under His Honor's instructions, Mr. Reid of the Board of Works has placed a gateway that will prove a much more convenient entrance for cattle and horses than the one used at last Exhibition. The Dominion Government, on the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Militia, and Colonel Laurie, Adjutant General, have granted the Drill Shed Buildings, which are being placed in a thorough state of repair, so that intending exhibitors who have been thinking of the probability of its leaky condition spoiling their exhibits, may now put away all their fears. The arrangements for conveyance of cattle, &c., by railway, are in progress, and the Board will probably be in a position to announce them before the close of the present month. In the meantime we hope the prospec-

tive Prize Takers are being carefully tended, comfortably housed, well fed, and groomed.

#### IMPORTATION OF "LINCOLN" SHEEP.

Mr. Ellershausen of Ellershouse, Hants Co., with his usual enterprise and spirit, sent out by the steamer "Olympia" a pen of sheep to his agent at Ellershouse. He shipped a ram and five ewes, but unfortunately three of the ewes succumbed to the length and roughness of the voyage, and died ere they reached their destination. They are really magnificent sheep, and are said to be of the best bred stock to be found in England. The sire of the ram was hired merely for a few ewes, at a cost of 55 guineas, and the ewes are equally well descended.

Mr. Ellershausen has on his farm a flock of about 100 ewes, chiefly of "Leicester," "South" and "Shropshire"-down grades, carefully selected from the best flocks in Hants and Colchester Counties. Some handsome stock may be expected by crossing with the "Lincolns."

Last Spring Mr. Ellershausen sent over to his agent a quantity of white seed oats; and by an advertisement in our columns, it will be seen that some of the product is now offered for sale. A sample has been placed in the Legislative Library. We are told that these oats will mature in as short a season as ordinary black oats.

WINDSOR, April 1st, 1874.

SIR.—Before going into the details of Colonel Laurie's letter, I cannot help drawing your attention to the remarkable similarity of our ideas on certain points, as expressed by me in a letter published in the JOURNAL of March, 1873, and by Colonel Laurie in the last JOURNAL.

In my article on the application of farm capital, in speaking of the relation of landlord to tenant, I use the following language:—"As the relative position of the English landlord and tenant may not be understood, I will make the following explanations:—Few landlords, when repairs are taken out, realize more than three per cent on their holdings; tenants from nothing to from twenty to thirty per cent. Now, why this great discrepancy in land returns? Simply that the landlord's can only be looked on as an investment of capital. He is either too ignorant of agriculture, or engaged in something more attractive." I quote thus far.

Col. Laurie says in words to this effect, that the landlord holds his lands simply to gain him a social position, and is content to receive about two per cent, con-

sidering himself reimbursed in other ways.

In a discussion of this kind it is absolutely necessary that the main point at issue should not be forgotten. The Col. and also you, Mr. Editor, think that we quite well agree, except on one point; but this it appears to me is the only point we ever did disagree on, and I regret as much as he does that we cannot agree on it, because I believe that on a proper solution of it the whole prosperity of the farming population depends. I confess that many parts of the letter I cannot understand, whether he approves of the English tenant farmer, or the Nova Scotian. If, to the English farmer, simply the fact that land can be rented when the landlord is contented with two per cent gives the working or tenant farmer such enormous advantages that he had better stay where he is. If he applies his advice to the Nova Scotia farmers, Mr. Blois supplies the missing link, and I am glad on that account that I did not publish before for Colonel Laurie admits, that without capital a farmer works at an enormous disadvantage. Mr. Blois says that farmers owning their own soil and with capital can hardly make two ends meet; then I ask the question, what chance have the people that Col. Laurie would bring here, or have stay here (for I can not understand what he means), why the plain fact must be they must go through the process of slow starvation. Again, Col. Laurie speaks of unexhausted improvements, I may say harps on them, and speaks in the same letter of encouraging tenants, as they are sure to take all they can out of the land. Now how can these two ideas possibly be reconciled, it would imply that no two men could be found honest enough to have mutual confidence in one another. I intend this letter if possible to answer both Mr. Blois and Col. Laurie; the former cannot, I think, have read my letter on the application of farm capital, where things are fully explained to the best of my ability, and Mr. Blois will see that it is only the term tenant *vs.* landlord used because I supposed it would be more readily understood; the question he puts to me, (*vide paper*) is a hard one to answer. The farmer owning his farm and having capital may be going behind by working his farm at a great disadvantage, without manure, machinery, drainage, &c., and his six per cent not being able to keep up his expenses, he may be either landlord or tenant; if he has capital enough to work his farm in the highest state, and own it also, he is both landlord and tenant; but he should distinguish his capital, if he finds by experience that he is realizing great results, by applying his own capital on his own land. Then I would say by all means become some one

else's tenant, and use the brains given, to the best advantage, taking care to secure your unexhausted improvements, Col. Laurie would say, how can this be done? I intended in future articles to write on the subject after the principle was thoroughly understood, but Mr. Blois has settled the whole affair in a very off-hand manner; but I must say in courtesy to him, that he writes more to get information than to give.

The reason that I never proposed or argued out any scheme may be easily explained by my repeating the remarks of a friend of mine after reading my original article; it was something like this: "This is all very good and true, but no one cares two pence halfpenny about it," and then I came to the conclusion that I would not trouble myself till some one else did. Again, to meet the objections that Col. Laurie offers against a Government loaning money: Why is it that things so comparatively easy in other countries, always create so much trouble in N. S. The scheme by which the Government becomes part landlord has long been in operation in Ontario, for permanent improvements, such as draining (I expect the papers in a few days); and as to any Government bringing political pressure by foreclosing, the interests of all the farming population being identically the risk in that way would be small, as such a large and influential class could not be ignored.

Yours truly,  
ALPINE C. THOMAS.

Port Williams, April 25, 1874.

At a meeting of the Council of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, held at Wolfville on Wednesday, 22nd inst., it was decided to hold the Annual Exhibition at Wolfville on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th of September next.

A list of prizes was prepared and adopted, which will be printed and circulated as soon as possible. In the meantime, we would urge all intending competitors to commence at once, and by procuring the best seeds, by preparing the land in the best possible manner, and by setting the fruit trees, vines and plants in good order, to be prepared to show to the world, at both the Autumnal Exhibitions, what we really can produce in garden vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

There are prizes offered for best collections of fruits in season, embracing all sorts: best collections of early apples; best do. do. pears; best do. plums; best do. garden vegetables; besides the usual list of dozens and plates of various sorts. There are also prizes for ornamental plants and flowers. This last is a new feature in our Exhibitions, and we hope by its means to still further enlist the co-opera-

tion of the ladies, as the prize list is especially arranged so that any one owning even a single handsomely-grown plant, will stand a chance of taking a prize; and the smallest flower garden, if properly cared for, will be able to compete successfully with the largest cut blooms and bouquets. At the same time, those who own fine collections will find that they have not been altogether overlooked.

Thanking you for your valuable space,  
I am yours, &c.,  
R. W. STARR, Sec'y.

**Reports of Agri. Societies.**

**PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

THE Directors of the Pictou Agricultural Society, in concluding a other year's labour, beg leave to submit their annual report as follows:—

Your Society now in existence for thirty-seven years, is still in a vigorous and healthy state, numbering one hundred and one member.

Your financial affairs are also satisfactory, showing receipts for the past year amounting to the sum of \$234.72, while the expenditure for the same time has been \$255.74, leaving a balance against the Society amounting to \$21.02; but as we have not yet received our share of the Provincial Grant, that when received will leave a balance in your favor.

In compliance with a resolution passed at a meeting of this Society held on the 20th day of March last, an effort was made to have a County Exhibition in Pictou or New Glasgow, but after correspondence held with the several Societies in the county, they declined to co-operate in holding a County Exhibition, when your Directors made arrangements for holding a local Exhibition in connexion with your Society, which was held at Durham Village on Wednesday, the 15th day of Oct.; at which the sum of \$175.00 was offered, and the sum of \$155 paid in prizes.

With regard to the Exhibition, we have to report that, while a considerable degree of interest was manifested by members of this Society as well as by others interested in Agriculture, yet upon the whole it was not so successful as your Directors could have wished—that notwithstanding that your Society has expended considerable sums of money in procuring thorough bred stock, and although prizes were offered for such, there was none shown of pure breed on that occasion except one Bull; and that the other departments did not show that progress which might have been expected.

The following table comparing this Exhibition with the last local Exhibition

held by your Society in 1869, will show but little progress made since that date.

	1869.	1873.
Amount offered in prizes.....	\$167	\$175
Do. paid Do.....	147	153
Number of Horses entered....	12	18
Cattle.....	40	48
Sheep and Pigs.....	56	39
entries of Grain & Seeds.....	53	39
"    "    Roots and Vego- tables.....	62	71
"    "    Domestic Mana- factures.....	65	73
"    "    Leather.....	3	12
"    "    Butter & Cheese.....	26	36
"    "    Fruit.....	27	15

As regards the crops of the past year, Hay is a good crop; Wheat, Oats and other cereals being good, while Potatoes and other Roots have been abundant and of good quality.

Your Directors have much pleasure in reporting that the Board of Agricultural have determined to hold a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in Halifax next fall, and would recommend that a sum be voted by this Society as a contribution to the funds of said Exhibition, and would urge our successors in office to adopt such measures as will insure a fair representation of the Agricultural resources of this County on that occasion.

(Signed) DAVID MATHESON, Pres.  
JOHN MCKENZIE, Secy.

Pictou. 2nd. Dec., A.D., 1873.

List of Prizes awarded at the Agricultural Exhibition held at Durham, on Wednesday, 15 Oct., 1873:—

HORSES.	
Stallion 3 years old and upwards.	
James H. Stewart, Middle River, 1st prize.....	\$2.00
Mares 3 years old and upwards.	
James McKay, Mill Brook, 1st prize.....	2.00
John Crockett, Green Hill, 2nd ".....	1.50
Gelding or Mare 2 years old.	
John Loithead, Durham, 1st prize.....	2.00
John McLellan, Roger Hill, 2nd prize.....	1.50
Gelding or Mare 1 year old.	
John L. Matheson, Roger Hill, 1st prize....	2.00
Alexander McKean, " 2nd ".....	1.50
Gelding or Mare Foaled in 1873.	
James McDonald, Green Hill, 1st prize....	2.00
John Crockett, " 2nd ".....	1.50
CATTLE.	
Alderno Bull.	
John McKenzie, Durham, 1st prize.....	2.00
Grade Bull, 3 years old and upwards.	
James Rae, Dalhousie, 1st prize.....	2.00
Robert Matheson, Roger Hill, 2nd prize...	1.50
Grade Bull, 2 years old.	
Alexander J. McKay, Fox Brook, 1st prize,	2.00
John Creighton, West River, 2nd ".....	1.50
Grade Bull, 1 year old.	
Alex. McDonald, Mill Brook, 1st prize.....	2.00
John McKenzie, Durham, 2nd ".....	1.50
Grade Bull calved in 1873.	
Roderick McKenzie, Eight Mile Brook, 1st prize.....	1.50
Thomas Cameron, Loch Broom, 2nd prize,	1.00
PAIR OXEN.	
Roderick McKenzie, Eight Mile Brook, 1st prize.....	1.50
Hugh D. Denoon, Harwood Hill, 2nd do.	1.00

Grade Milch Cow.	
S. W. McDonald, Eight Mile Brook, 1st- prize.....	\$2.00
David Miller, West River, 2nd prize.....	1.50
James McLellan, Roger Hill, 3rd ".....	1.00
Heifer, 2 years old.	
William McLean, Durham, 1st prize.....	1.50
Alexander Fraser, Roger Hill, 2nd do.....	1.00
Heifer, 1 year old.	
Thomas Cameron, Loch Broom, 1st prize...	1.50
Alexander Cameron, Durham, 2nd ".....	1.00
HEIFER CALF.	
Thomas Cameron, 2nd prize.....	1.00
SHEEP.	
Ram, 2 years old and upwards.	
Robert McLean, Tanner Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
Robert Patterson, Roger Hill, 2nd ".....	1.00
Ram, 1 year old.	
John Millar, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
Alexander McKay, Dalhousie, 2nd do.....	1.00
RAM LAMB.	
John Millar, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
Robert Patterson, " 2nd ".....	1.00
Ewe, 2 years old and upwards.	
David Millar, West River, 1st prize.....	1.50
Duncan McDonald, Middle River, 2nd do.	1.00
Ewe, 1 year old.	
John McLellan, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
EWE LAMB.	
John Millar, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
Robert Patterson, " 2nd ".....	1.00
WETHERS.	
Alexander Fraser, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
John T. Matheson, " 2nd ".....	0.75
PIGS.	
Boar under 1 year old.	
Robert Patterson, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
John Loithead, Durham, 2nd ".....	1.00
Sow under 1 year old.	
Robert Patterson, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
GRAIN AND SEEDS.	
Bushel Wheat.	
John Falconer, Green Hill, 1st prize.....	2.00
Adam McKean, Roger Hill, 2nd ".....	1.50
James MacIntosh, Meadows, 3rd ".....	1.00
Bushel Oats, white or yellow.	
Robert Patterson, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.00
John Falconer, Green Hill, 2nd ".....	0.75
Bushel Black Oats.	
Robert Patterson, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.00
Alexander J. McKay, Fox Brook, 2nd do.	0.75
Bushels Oats—other sorts.	
Alexander J. McKay, Fox Brook, 1st prize,	1.00
William McKenzie, Green Hill, 2nd ".....	0.75
BARLEY.	
Thomas A. McDonald, Durham, 1st prize,	1.00
Alexander J. McKay, Fox Brook, 2nd ".....	0.75
PEAS.	
Duncan McDonald, Middle River, 1st prize,	1.50
Alexander Cameron, Durham, 2nd ".....	1.00
BEANS.	
John T. Matheson, Roger Hill, 1st prize,	1.50
Thomas A. McDonald, Durham, 2nd ".....	1.00
TIMOTHY SEED.	
Thomas A. McDonald, Durham, 1st prize,	1.50
John T. Matheson, Roger Hill, 2nd ".....	1.00
BUCKWHEAT.	
John McLellan, Roger Hill, 1st prize.....	1.50
Duncan McKay, Scotsburn, 2nd ".....	0.50
Roots, Fruit and Vegetables.	
POTATOES.	
George W. Campbell, Pictou, 1st prize.....	0.75
John T. Matheson, Roger Hill, 2nd ".....	0.50
Potatoes—Early.	
John Falconer, Green Hill, 1st prize.....	0.75
George W. Campbell, Pictou, 2nd ".....	0.50



able one, at least in this section of Nova Scotia, for both putting in seed and in gathering harvest; consequently our farmers have their hay mows filled with fodder in many cases of a better quality than usual, and their stables in most cases crowded with cattle.

Hay, which is our most important crop, more so perhaps than in many other sections of the Province, we may consider a full average yield. Wheat, an unimportant item here. One of our members reports a yield of 52 bushels from about 3 acres, but few farmers sow any. Barley, not much sown but generally a fair crop. Scarcely any farmers grow Rye, those who do report a good crop. Oats, a larger breadth of this grain is grown by our farmers than that which is devoted to all the other kinds of grain. The yield for the present year was probably but about an average one. Buckwheat, considerable sown, crop good. Nearly all kinds of grain were more, or less injured by the August storm, but the damage inflicted here was slight, compared to that done in several parts of the Province.

We have to report an extraordinary crop of potatoes, the yield an unusually large one, and the crop excellent. One of our members reports about 1000 bushels from 4 acres, or an average of 250 bushels. Of other root crops there is complaint that the yield is poor. Fruit in this section is not important, and the crop this year one of the poorest.

In referring to the business of the society, we have to regret that farmers of Lower Stewiacke and vicinity are so reluctant in joining the Agricultural Society, and that so many of the members take little or no interest in the business and prosperity of the Society; and farther that the stock animals purchased and kept at so much expense, are not patronized as they should be.

A meeting of the officers was held Dec. 9th, 1872. In order to accommodate a number of the farmers residing in a section of the settlement called Fort Ellis, it was resolved that a third bull be provided for the coming summer, and Mr. Job Dart, Mr. W. H. Hogg, Mr. Wm. Daniel were appointed a committee to carry the resolution into effect. Mr. James Maxwell to have the supervision of the bull and see that he is kept in proper condition. Mr. Wm. Daniell agreed to keep the grade bull "Tam O'Shanter" for one year for the sum of forty dollars. Mr. W. W. Ramsay to have the supervision of this bull. Mr. E. E. Banks, Mr. W. M. Hiltz, and W. W. Pickings were appointed a committee to arrange the keeping of the Ayrshire bull "Young Prince of Wales" on the south side of the Stewiacke river. Mr. E. Banks to have the supervision of how he is kept. Mr. James Maxwell, Mr. E. E. Banks, and

W. M. Hiltz were appointed a committee to arrange for keeping the boar, or to exchange for another if they shall deem it advisable to do so. Mr. Hiltz to have the supervision of the boar and see that he is kept in a satisfactory condition. It was decided that all animals shall be kept exclusively for the use of members. Service fees were fixed at 50 cents each for cows, amount thus derived to go toward the expense of keeping, parties keeping the bulls to keep, and render a correct account to the secretary, each to collect his own account. Mr. Dart, Mr. Daneill and Mr. Hogg, purchased in February a fine large grade bull for the Fort, for the sum of forty four dollars, and made arrangements with Mr. Francis Fulton to keep the animal till the 1st of September for the sum of one dollar per week. The committee in charge of the Ayrshire found great difficulty in finding a place, but finally Mr. Elijah Dickin consented to keep the bull for the sum of sixty dollars for one year, and as this was the only quarters that could be found there was no choice. The committee in charge of the boar concluded to exchange and obtained a grade Suffolk, paying five dollars boot. The arrangements for keeping seem to have been faulty, the animal not having been kept in proper condition, and a charge made on the funds of \$4.50, while in previous years this part of our stock has always been self-sustaining.

September 10th, a special meeting of the officers was held. It was resolved that W. J. Pollock sell the grade bull at the Fort, to the best advantage he can, to be paid a commission; he was also empowered to sell the grade bull "Tam O'Shanter," provided he could find a market for him. The Secretary was instructed to enter for the Exhibition at Truro the thoroughbred Ayrshire bull "Young Prince of Wales," and the committee having the bull in charge to make arrangements to have the bull taken to and brought from the Exhibition. The bull was accordingly entered and exhibited, and awarded the 1st prize of \$5.00. Expenses incurred, entrance fee \$2.00, to Mr. Dickie for freight, time and expense, \$2.53, total, \$4.53. W. J. Pollock disposed of the grade bull "Francis Fulton," for the sum of \$36.00. Charges for commission, \$2.00, for freight to Halifax, \$1.00.—The charges for keeping the three bulls amounted to the sum of \$133. Total earnings for service fees \$73.00, so that a heavy charge falls on the funds of the society, this charge would be much less if all the members of the Society would patronize as they should the stock animals, and further we have been under the necessity of keeping three bulls, owing to the bridge at R. G. Pollock's which has just been rebuilt, having been down during the past season; when this

bridge is up, one bull will do the work for which two have been required this summer.

The bulls have all been kept in good condition. The grade bull "Tam O'Shanter," has been in the society for service for four seasons, and has always given excellent satisfaction, and a great deal of very fine stock has been raised in the neighborhood from this bull. The thoroughbred Ayrshire "Young Prince of Wales," which we have had for three seasons, is now giving full and complete satisfaction to those who wish to breed Ayrshire cattle. A year or two some farmers were disposed to grumble, because the Ayrshire calves were smaller and seemed inferior to those got by the other bull. Now they point with pride to the same calves, grown to be the finest and handsomest yearlings in the flock.

Annual meeting held Dec. 2, 1873, in the lower school house, W. H. Hogg, President, in the chair. Statement of the affairs of the Society and report of the business done during the year given by the Secretary.

The following named officers were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Hogg; Vice-President, E. C. Banks; Directors, James Fisher, Walter Daniell, R. J. Pollock, Alex. L. Archibald, and John McCollough. It was resolved that the grade bull, "Tam O'Shanter," be sold at public auction without restriction, and also the Society boar under the restriction that the purchaser shall keep the boar for service within the limits of the Society till next April, at a service fee for members of 50 cents.

Our financial condition not seeming to warrant a large donation it was resolved that the sum of twenty dollars be voted to the Provincial Exhibition of 1874. It having been decided that the Ayrshire bull should be kept another year it was resolved that a meeting of the officers be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, at the upper school house.

By the Treasurer's report it will be seen that there was a

Balance on last year's account of.....	\$ 30 34
Total expenditure for present year.....	200 75
receipts .....	192 32

Balance due Treasurer.....\$ 38 77

W. H. HOGG, President.

W. W. PICKINGS, Secretary.

Lower Stewiacke, Dec., 1873.

Lower Stewiacke Agricultural Society, in account with W. W. Pickings, Treasurer.

Cr.	
By Provincial grant, 1872.....	\$ 30 82
" Cash per members.....	46 00
" Earnings of Bull at F. Fulton's.....	37 50
" " " " W. Daniell's.....	13 50
" " " " E. Dickie's.....	22 50
" " " " Boar.....	1 00
" Prize for Y. P. Wales.....	5 00
" Sale of Grade Bull.....	36 00

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Dr.	
To Balance of last year's account.....	\$ 30 34
" Difference in Boars.....	5 00
" Purchase of Grade Bull.....	44 00
" Expense of ex. Ayrshire Bull.....	4 53
" Bills for keeping Boar.....	4 50
" F. Fulton for keeping bull.....	33 00
" E. Dickie " " ".....	60 00
" W. Daniell " " ".....	40 00
" Postage, Stationery, &c.....	1 00
" Com. on selling Bull, and freight.....	3 00
" Journal of Agriculture.....	4 00
" Interest on debt.....	1 72
	\$231 09
Dec. 2nd, to balance.....	\$ 38 77

**CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS  
OF THE UNION AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETY, EAST  
CORNWALLIS.**

*Revised and adopted at the adjourned  
annual meeting, December 30th, 1873.*

**CONSTITUTION.**

Clause 1. That the Institution shall be denominated "The Union Agricultural Society of East Cornwallis," and shall consist of Farmers and others favorable to rural pursuits.

Clause 2. That the Society shall be managed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Council of five, to be chosen annually. That the officers and council be re-eligible.

Clause 3. That the Society shall hold one annual meeting on the first Tuesday in December, at the Temperance Hall, Canard, when officers for the ensuing year shall be chosen by ballot, and all accounts, business transactions and reports brought forward and finally passed.

Clause 4. That the Society shall hold, in addition to the annual meeting, Two Quarterly meetings, viz:—One on first Tuesdays in April and September, for the reception and discussion of Essays, Papers and Resolutions, upon subjects connected with and for the promotion of the objects of the Society.

Clause 5. That the President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, keep strict order, regulate discussions, state and put questions, and shall not permit or allow any improper remarks of a personal character or foreign to the subject under discussion, sign Orders drawn on Treasurer, call special meetings by a requisition of five members, and perform such other duties as belong to his office. In his absence, the Vice shall take the Chair, and in case both are absent, the Society shall choose a chairman pro tem.

Clause 6. *Secretary's duty*—The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and Council, keep a correct record of all transactions done thereat, collect all monies due or owing to the society, and pay the same over to the Treasurer,

prepare and submit at the annual meeting a report of the proceedings for the past year, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Society or Council.

Clause 7. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid by the Secretary, and keep an account of the same in a book for that purpose, hold in trust any property belonging to the society pertaining to the office of Treasurer, and shall pay all orders drawn on him by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall annually prepare a statement of his accounts and submit the same together with the Books, Papers and Vouchers, to the Auditing Committee for examination.

Clause 8. *Council*.—The duty of the Council shall be to devise and recommend the Society from time to time, such improvements in the arts of Agriculture and Horticulture, and the introduction of improved breeds of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Swine, as they may deem advisable for the promotion of the objects of the Society, and shall endeavour to secure at the regular meetings the reading of essays and papers on Agricultural subjects, propose questions for discussion, and assist the Secretary in preparing the annual report on the crops of the district, the improvements made in Agriculture during the year, &c. They shall also have the charge of all animals belonging to the Society, place the same in such localities as may be for the benefit of the members generally, determine all disputes in reference to the service of Male Animals, and direct the mode of keeping the Bulls, the nature and quality of their food and their general management; agree with the keepers of the Bulls as regards the price per week or otherwise; and all accounts and transactions done by them between any of the regular, adjourned or special meetings, must be reported in writing and signed by the Chairman of the Committee, or a majority, which reports shall be recorded in the books of the Secretary, if agreed to by the Society.

Clause 9. *Membership*.—Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Society, must be proposed and seconded by two members in writing, and admitted by a majority of members duly qualified to vote at the meeting; and every person so admitted must pay his fee of membership and sign the Constitution and declaration, before he shall be considered a qualified member. Nevertheless he may send his fee of membership, and authorize the Secretary by a written document to record his name in the constitution and declaration.

Clause 10. Every member must pay annually in advance not less than one Dollar, nor more than five, the same

to be decided at each annual meeting, and, when no action is taken at the annual meeting, the vote of the preceding year or years shall remain in force. Any person joining at the April or September meeting, must pay the full fee of membership for the year. No alteration to be made unless three months written notice, signed by at least five members, be given.

Clause 11. That no member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society, neither shall he be allowed to vote, until all demands against him are paid.

Clause 12. All members are expected to attend the Annual and Quarterly meetings of the Society.

No discussion on Religious or Political subjects shall be permitted at any meeting of the Society.

Clause 14. Eight members shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any of the meetings.

Clause 15. *Use of Bulls*.—Members shall have the use of all Male animals belonging to the Society, upon such terms and conditions as may be recommended by the Council, and agreed upon at any regular meeting of the Society. Nevertheless the term for which any member shall have the use of such animals, shall in all cases end one week previous to the annual meeting in December; and in all cases the fees for service shall be paid by such members so using the animals, whether he receives any benefit therefrom or not.

Clause 16. *Accounts*.—All persons having accounts with the Society, must present their demands to the Secretary one week previous to the annual meeting; and all keepers of bulls, &c., must present in like manner, one week previous to the annual meeting, a full and satisfactory account of the service of such animals, recorded in a book kept for that purpose, and each bull's service to be kept separate, and his pedigree to be recorded in said book.

Clause 17. The Society at annual meeting shall elect two Auditors, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, papers, vouchers, &c., of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report in writing at the annual meeting.

Clause 18. *Withdrawal*.—No member shall be allowed to withdraw from the Society unless he makes a written request at the annual meeting, and not then unless all dues and demands against him be paid in full, or he be relieved of such dues and demands by a majority of the vote members present. Nevertheless, the majority of the members present at any regular meeting, may expel any member for disobedience to any of the rules of the society, or conduct derogatory to its interests.

Clause 19. Every officer of the Socie-

ty having books, papers, and other property in his possession belonging to the Society, must hand over the same to his successor or the President immediately on the expiration of his term of office.

Clause 20. The Secretary, on or before the first day of April in each year, shall place in the hands of the keepers of Bulls and other animals, all unpaid accounts of members, and no keeper is allowed to let such members have the service of the Bull, &c., until their accounts are paid.

Clause 21. At any annual meeting of the society, the foregoing clauses of the Constitution may be altered or amended, or the Society may pass such Bye-Laws and Rules of Order as they may think advisable, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

BYE-LAWS.

RULE 1ST. The hour of meeting for the Annual and Quarterly meetings shall be two o'clock.

RULE 2ND. The order of business shall be as follows:

- 1st. Read the minutes of last meeting.
- 2nd. Collect the due, &c.
- 3rd. Report of Secretary.
- 4th. " " Council.
- 5th. Finance or Audit.
- 6th. Report of Treasurer.
- 7th. " " Special Committees.
- 8th. Reading Essays, Papers, &c.
- 9th. Discussion of Questions.
- 10th. Miscellaneous Business.
- 11th. Election of Officers.

RULE 3rd. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at each time, unless to explain, except by permission of the President.

RULE 4th. All Resolutions must be submitted to the Society in writing, and signed by the person moving the same.

RULE 5th. All Accounts received and passed by the Society at the Annual meeting, shall, if not paid within 90 days, draw Interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, for all further delay.

RULE 6th. The books and papers belonging to the Society, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Officers and Auditors, or to the members in case they are seeking information on any particular subject.

RULE 7th. Officers elected at the annual meeting shall not assume the duties of office until after the adjournment, and the Secretary shall record the proceedings and doings of the annual meeting before he delivers his Record book to his successor.

RULE 8th. Mode of Balloting.—In choosing the Officers at the annual meeting, the proceeding shall be as follows:—Nominations may be made by any number of members for any office until some

member moves, which must be seconded, that the nomination cease, which motion takes precedence of all others, and must be put and passed by the society, and then a Ballot Box shall be presented to the members duly qualified to vote on the first named gentleman, and in case he receives a majority of the votes cast, shall be declared duly elected. If the first named is not elected, the second, and so on until one is chosen. If none of the nominees are chosen, a second nomination must be made, and proceed in the order named. In case only one person is nominated, he must in like manner be balloted for and have a majority of votes cast before he can be declared duly elected.

RULE 9th. Any of the foregoing Bye-laws may be suspended at any annual or other meeting, by a three-fourth vote of members present to meet any special case.

After the adoption of the foregoing Constitution and Bye-laws, the following Resolution was passed:

Resolved, That all Resolutions heretofore passed by the Society, the principle of which is not embodied in the Constitution and Bye-laws is null and void.

NORTH EAST MARGAREE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of the North East Margaree Agricultural Society, for the year ending 2nd December, 1873, was held at Jacob Ross's, Esq., according to the Act, for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Donald McDonald, Esq., the President in the chair. The Secretary was called upon to read the Minutes of the previous meetings, also all Communications with Society. The Treasurer's accounts were then examined and found correct.

The Society then elected the following persons as officers for the following year: President, Donald McDonald; Vice-President, James Doyle; Treasurer, Donald Ethridge; Secretary, John A. Ross; Directors, Joseph Ingraham, Thomas Crowdes, Thomas Ethridge, Thomas McDonald, John Rieley. To be member of the Central Board, Duncan Campbell, M. P. P. The Society then voted the sum of \$8.00 (eight dollars) toward the funds of the Provincial Exhibition for the year 1874. Our Society at present numbers sixty-four members, being twelve more than last year. Our number were so increased by the desire to get a blood horse which we believe we obtained in Prince Edward Island—the Jacquis Dapper—his line being the Jacquis Cartier of Canada Blood, which was sold to one of the members of the

Society for \$155.00. Last year we procured two Rams of improved breed, one of which died. Last year our funds were spent in sheep, implements and seeds of different kinds, and this year our funds were spent in purchasing a horse.

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To cost and expense of horse from P. F. Island .....	\$202.65
To money borrowed.....	100.00
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By 64 members.....	\$ 64.00
" Purchase money of horse.....	165.00
" Sundries.....	2.75
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To Bal. due by Society.....	<hr/>
	\$170.90

DONALD McDONALD, Pres.  
JOHN A. ROSS, Secy.

P. S.—The Jacquis Dapper sold to be kept in the Society for two years for the benefit of the Society.

J. A. R.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Board of Agriculture.

The Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd December. During the autumn the Society held an exhibition of stock, fruit, roots, &c., at which they expended in prizes the sum of \$110.

The Treasurers accounts show a list of paid up members numbering 43, also a balance in hand of \$160.50. Prize list yet to be paid.

The following persons were appointed office bearers for the ensuing year:—President—Oliver Foster; Vice-President—Charles B. Whitman; Treasurer—Wm. Y. Foster; Secretary—Eugene P. Troop; Directors—Stephen E. Bent, Israel J. Parker, John H. Bent, Wm. E. Sturratt, Robt. Bath.

OLIVER FOSTER, President,  
E. P. TROOP, Secretary.

Bidgetown, Jan. 12th, 1874.

Poetry.

THE SPRING.

The April showers are falling still  
And hushed on vale and dewy hill,  
And buds are bursting into bloom,  
And flowers are breathing sweet perfume,  
And woodlands with sweet music ring,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.

The Tulip blushes on its stem,  
The Spring-flower sparkles like a gem,  
The Daffodils their wealth unfold,  
And Primrose stars are flecked with gold,  
The fairy bells of Cowslips ring,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.



The Hyacinths in beauty bloom,  
The Lilies breathe their sweet perfume,  
The Daisies lift their eyes in prayer,  
The Violets scent the raptured air,  
Whilst painted flies are on the wing,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.

The sun's bright rays the trees unfold  
And fall on leaves like molten gold,  
The distant hills to heaven arise,  
And kiss and blend with opal skies,  
The skylarks at heaven's portal sing,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.

I hear the cuckoo's welcome note  
Adown the distant valley float,  
Filled with joy each creature's lay  
That rings with love and holiday;  
Hark! hark the woods with music ring,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.

How sweet the breath of virgin morn,  
How pure the blue in heaven born,  
How green the earth, how full of song  
The sky with all its feathered throng.  
How minds with glad some music ring  
Now God is bringing back the Spring.

And shall all nature, blithe and gay,  
Rejoice with song and roundelay,  
Whilst human hearts thrill not with joy,  
Nor human voices reach the sky?  
Ah, no! let men their praises bring,  
For God is bringing back the Spring.

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**JOHN CULTON,**

Sec'y E. A. S.

Stellarton, March 26, 1874.

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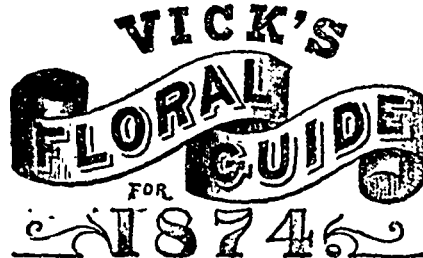
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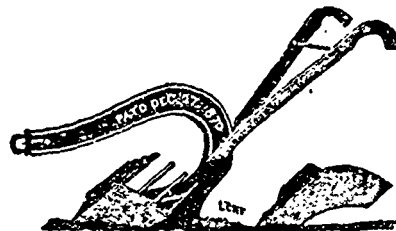
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**GEORGE LAWSON,**  
Halifax, 2nd March, 1874. Secretary.

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