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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE YEAR 1873.

To the Hon. W. B. Vail, Provincial Secretary:

Halifax, 30th March, 1874.

SIR,—We have the honor to present, for the information of the Government and the Legislature, the Annual Report of operations of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1873. This Report embraces a statistical statement of the condition of Agricultural societies throughout the various Counties of the Province. the names of their officers, number of members, amount of subscriptions raised and paid by the members of each Society during the year, the amount of Legislative grant apportioned to each, and the names of the gentlemen nominated by the various Societies for selection in the formation of the new Board under the Act of last session.

We also submit the accounts of income

and expenditure of the Board for the year, with relative vouchers; also general abstract of accounts, showing the sources of income and expenditure in a classified form. The accounts are brought down to 13th March instant, at which date, after providing for grants to Societies for 1873, a balance remained in Treasurer's hands to credit of Board, amounting to \$2074.57. The stock farm grant, and interest to 17th instant, amounts to \$8267.37, and is invested in Merchant's Bank to credit of Board, under two Deposit Receipts.

The number of Societies that have qualified for the Legislative grant during the year is 61; number of paying members 3586; total amount of subscriptions paid \$3929; total amount of grants in aid, \$5785. These numbers would be increased if we were to add several Societies that are at present in obedience, having, through mistakes or otherwise, failed to comply with the terms of the Statute before the close of the year. The number of Societies in this unsatisfactory condition is greater than it has been in any

previous year, and the members of the Board are giving their best attention to the adjustment of the difficulties that have arisen. The number and strength of Societies in each County of the Province are shown in the following tabular statement, which is strictly confined to the Returns that were duly attested before the apportionment of the Legislative grant:

COUNTIES.	Number of Societies.	Number of members.	Amount of subscriptions.	Amount of Grants in aid.
Annapolis.....	5	304	\$304 00	\$400 00
Antigonishe.....	3	144	199 50	399 00
Cape Breton.....	3	154	154 00	305 00
Colchester.....	6	415	419 00	400 00
Cumberland.....	6	342	376 00	400 00
Digby.....	3	193	201 00	400 00
Guysborough.....	3	131	131 00	262 00
Halifax.....	3	211	211 00	400 00
Hants.....	6	271	271 00	400 00
Inverness.....	2	107	107 00	214 00
Kings.....	4	210	312 00	400 00
Lunenburg.....	1	64	64 00	125 00
Pictou.....	5	317	324 00	400 00
Queens.....	3	129	133 00	266 00
Richmond.....	1	42	43 00	86 00
Shelburne.....	3	145	145 00	290 00
Victoria.....	2	138	138 00	276 00
Yarmouth.....	2	209	396 50	356 00
Totals.....	61	3586	\$3929 00	\$5785 00

The operations of the Board have now been carried on without interruption for ten years, and it will be seen from the following comparative statement that there has, during that period, been a satisfactory, and nearly a steady, increase in the number and strength of Societies :

YEAR.	Number of Societies.	Number of members.	Amount of subscriptions.	Grants in aid.
1st year, 1861.....	37	1744	\$1859 00	\$3010 00
2nd " 1865.....	48	2197	2384 00	3314 00
3rd " 1866.....	52	2543	2350 00	3566 00
4th " 1867.....	58	2833	3057 50	3444 50
5th " 1868.....	45	2246	2519 75	3232 50
6th " 1869.....	43	2209	2340 50	3001 00
7th " 1870.....	40	2742	3046 00	3372 00
8th " 1871.....	57	3245	3672 80	3543 20
9th " 1872.....	60	3597	4304 50	3904 00
10th " 1873.....	61	3536	3929 00	5785 00

By authority of the Government, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Report of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly of last year, the Board have made preliminary arrangements for holding a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, at Halifax, during the first week of October next. A Prize List, embracing premiums to the extent of \$6943.25, has been drawn up, printed, and widely circulated through the Secretaries of the various Agricultural Societies of the Province. At first, a strictly Agricultural Exhibition was contemplated; but the Horticulturists of Halifax having placed a sum of five hundred dollars at the disposal of the Board, a department of Plants and Flowers has been added. The Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, and the Eastern Counties Fruit Growers' Association, each offered a hundred dollars towards the Fruit Prizes, which has enabled the Board to extend this department considerably. Many of the Agricultural Societies of the Province have contributed liberally to the general Prize Fund. It is hoped that all will do so, and that funds from this source will reach nearly two thousand dollars.

It is proposed to hold the Exhibition in the Governor's Field, General's Field, the Drill Shed, and Drill Yard, all of which premises are contiguous to each other and in a very convenient central locality. His Excellency Lieut.-General O'Grady Haly, and His Honor Lieut.-Governor Archibald have liberally granted the use of the two fields, which will be used for the accommodation of the live stock; application has been made to the Dominion Government for the use of the Drill Shed, for the exhibition of produce, plants, and other articles requiring protection; and it is hoped that such facilities of inexpensive transit will be provided by the Railways and Steamboats as shall insure, from all, except, perhaps, some of the most distant Counties, a fair represen-

tation of the Agricultural industry of the Province.

By direction of the Central Board of Agriculture.

R. A. McHEFFEY, *President.*
GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

From the following letter it will be seen that His Honor the Lieut.-Governor grants the use of the "Governor's Field," for Exhibition purposes, and offers to promote the objects of the Board and the success of the Exhibition in every possible way :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Halifax, 26th March, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed by His Honor the Lieut. Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., asking for the use of the Governor's Field, for the purpose of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, arranged to be held at Halifax in October next.

I am to say, adverting to the interview you had with His Honor since the date of your letter, at which you stated that the right of entrance from Pleasant Street (asked for in your letter) would not be required, that it gives His Honor great pleasure to place the Field at the disposal of the Board for the period and purpose mentioned in your letter, with a right of entrance from Dundonald Street and along the rear of the grounds from the General's Field and the Drill Shed grounds.

I am to add that in any way in which His Honor can promote the objects of the Board or the success of the Exhibition, it will give him great pleasure to have an opportunity of doing so.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obt' serv't.,

S. ADAMS,

Private Secretary,

GEORGE LAWSON, Esq.

Sec'y. to Board of Agriculture, Halifax.

HALIFAX, April 2nd, 1874.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. the Minister of Militia has authorized me to place at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia the Halifax Drill Buildings, and adjoining Drill ground, for the purpose of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition in October next.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Colonel.

D. A. G., Commanding Militia Dist. 9.

The Sec'y. Central Board of Agriculture.

The Central Board of Agriculture have been very successful in obtaining all the space, buildings and other accommodation required for the Provincial Exhibition. To the letters received from the Dominion Government, His Excellency the Lieut.-General, and His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, we have now to add one from Messrs. Gordon & Keith, who have liberally granted the use, so far as required, of their vacant lot on Dundonald Street :—

HALIFAX, N. S., April 9, 1874.

George Lawson, Esq., Sec'y C. B. of Agriculture :

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 2nd inst., addressed to our Mr. Donald Keith, in reference to granting access to our vacant lot on Dundonald Street, for the purposes of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held in October next. We beg to say, in reply, that we gladly grant the privilege asked for, and with our best wishes for the success of the Exhibition,

We remain,

Yours respectfully,

GORDON & KEITH.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, }
Halifax, 6th April, 1874. }

By the authority of the Provincial Government and Legislature, a GREAT PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION is to be held at Halifax, commencing on the 5th and ending on the 10th of October next. A Prize List has been carefully prepared, embracing Prizes to the extent of nearly Seven Thousand Dollars. Sheds will be erected in the Governor's Field for the protection of animals. Suitable fittings will be constructed in the Drill Shed for the proper display of Produce, Articles of Home Manufacture, Fruits and Flowers. Regulations have been drawn up with the special view of promoting the comfort of competitors and the general public; in short every effort has thus far been put forth by the Board that seemed likely to promote success.

The Board feel, however, that the ultimate result must rest with the FARMERS OF NOVA SCOTIA. The Board is merely an executive body, whose function it is to make the necessary arrangements. The Exhibition itself is to be made up by the patriotic and determined efforts of the Farmers to show to the world the capabilities of our soil when brought under intelligent culture.

On the suggestion of the Hon'ble the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Board address this Circular to the various Agricultural Societies of the Province. *It is requested that the Secretary of every*

Society will take the earliest opportunity to call the Members together, so that the Prize Lists sent to them may be distributed, that explanations of regulations may be given, and, especially, that it may be impressed upon every Member that it is his duty to take an active part as a competitor in the Exhibition. Every Society within reasonable distance of a railway will be expected to show its best Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Swine, &c., and thus to justify to the public the appropriations that are being annually made for the encouragement of Agriculture. Societies in distant counties will not have the same opportunity of exhibiting heavy live stock, but there is no Society anywhere in the Province that cannot make its mark at the Exhibition if its Members will only make up their minds to do it. Every Farmer, wherever situated, has it in his power to raise good Grain, or Roots, or Vegetables, or Orchard Fruits; and as every locality has its own special fitness for some particular variety or varieties of Crop, so it must necessarily have, in that particular, an advantage over any other district. This is a most important point in practical Agriculture, which Provincial Exhibitions alone can bring out in a manner sufficiently striking to lead to practical application in the way of extended culture.

In the department of Farm Implements and Machines, it is hoped that Manufacturers throughout the whole Province will embrace an opportunity so excellent of making known their work to prospective customers of the most desirable kind. For Home Manufactures the prizes are numerous, and those who do not consider the distant exhibitors think they are too large in proportion. It is hoped that the Wives and Daughters of our Farmers throughout every County of the Province will see in this an indication of the anxiety of the Board that they should participate in the forthcoming Exhibition. Prizes are given for which even very young members of a household may compete with prospects of success, and the stimulus to early industry thus given, may prove a blessing in many a home.

By direction of the Central Board of Agriculture.

GEORGE LAWSON, *Secretary.*

THE EXHIBITION.—We conceive it to be our duty to keep constantly before the eyes of our readers that we are to have this fall, in Halifax, a Grand Agricultural Exhibition, and we therefore publish on our fourth page a letter from I. Longworth, Esq., the representative of the fourth Agricultural district of Nova Scotia, which includes Hants, Cumberland and Colchester. The letter is full of good sound practical hints to our farmers and we trust they will all read and digest it carefully.—*Truro Sun.*

THE AMATEUR AND MARKET GARDENER'S COMPANION.—By an Amateur Gardener, Halifax, Stephen T. Hall, 1874. Price 25 cents.

The object of this publication is to provide a useful hand book of gardening suited to the poor man's pocket, and we can cordially recommend it as a concise, trustworthy and judicious guide, embracing a large number of extremely useful hints on garden management and the cultivation of the various crops capable of being profitably raised in our climate. The author treats of the "situation" of the garden, of soils, drainage, preparation of the land, manures, hotbeds, seeds, transplanting, and, lastly, of the gardener's great bug bear, insects. These preliminary dissertations are followed by detailed accounts of the best methods of cultivating the various vegetables, such as asparagus, artichokes, beans, beets, kale, broccoli, sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, carrot, celery, water-cress, cucumber, horse-radish, kohl-rabi, leek, lettuce, melons, mushrooms, onions, parsley, peas, parsnips, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, rhubarb, sage, sweet herbs, salsify, shallots, spinach, squash, tomatoes, turnips, &c., &c. There is an appendix devoted to small fruits, in which cultural directions are given for the strawberry, raspberry, and blackberry. The author's instructions for the cultivation of strawberries are so clear and judicious that they will no doubt promote the extension of strawberry culture, and help to root out the native superstition that wild strawberries are "far superior in flavor to cultivated ones."

There is great scope for extension of gardening in Nova Scotia. Every resident in the country, however poor or rich, ought to regard the cultivation of a garden as at once a pleasure and a duty. It affords a supply of fresh vegetables throughout the season to maintain the body in a healthful and vigorous condition. It affords many inexpensive luxuries that could not be otherwise obtained. Its beds and borders are a source of calm delight for the eye to rest upon when labor and trouble have ruffled the temper. The careful cultivation which a garden requires makes it an excellent training school for the young in learning the art of farming. And in a hundred other ways does it minister to the profit of the owner and to the comfort and happiness of his household. Lord Bacon remarked that men build fine houses before they begin to garden finely, as if gardening were the greater perfection. We might well fancy that in these words he was writing the history of architecture and gardening in Nova Scotia in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

NINE MILE RIVER, HANTS, }
March 19th 1874. }

MR. EDITOR,—Your March *Agricultural Journal* has just come to hand, it being our first regular number to our new Agricultural Society. Finding it contains a letter from my worthy friend and brother-farmer of our own County, Alfred Thomas, Esq., courting a discussion upon the force and application of farm capital, and knowing that you like to hear from the different parts of the country, I am encouraged to make some remarks on the subject, hoping that some practical good may result from it. Although I may differ somewhat from him in opinion I will try to draw information from him rather than dispute with him. It is very evident that in many cases, even where the farmer owns his farm free of rent, with a good amount of capital, he can scarcely make farming pay in supporting himself and family, and keep up his farm. I would like to know whether Mr. Thomas would make landlord or tenant of such a man. If he says tenant, I think the landlord would have a hard time to support his family out of rent. If he says he would make a landlord of him, we will then have to import our tenantry. And if so, past experience proves that it would be hard to keep them, as we cannot keep more than a sample of our own native young men, as they and emigrants too will find their way into other countries. Further, we find the majority of Old Country people who are used to the system of landlord and tenant, when they come to this country, as well as the natives, are all unwilling to become tenants. Therefore I cannot see how the system can be practically carried out unless we can get capitalists as landlords who are rich enough without any matter of pay from their tenants, but merely the interest of their money. In considering the question fully, in order to start fair, we would bear in mind that a wise Providence has wisely distributed our resources with an adaptation to the necessities, circumstances, and climate of every country; we find in our own country, say nothing of other parts of the world, that our rules of application need a large range of variance. For instance, some of the old farms near towns and villages are perhaps reduced to their proper size for growing crops, yet without a sufficient pasturage, and in some cases without a stick of timber growing on them for fuel or fencing. The fuel and fencing must be got from timbered parts of the country while it lasts, and then draw upon our coal mines, and for fencing call in the art of man, and grow hedges, &c. As there are many rich intervals farms fed from the uplands, such economy should be used on such farms in preserving all the elements of manure, that they could pay back to

the uplands what has been carried down stream by the rush of waters, in exchange for timber and other resources of the upland, instead of teaming the hay to the city to pass, as is now the case, from the stables down the sewers into the sea. As we believe in the indisputable principle that not a particle of our earth can be annihilated, consequently the whole secret of inexhaustion rests on the principle of preservation, and as this subject needs such a wide scope of thought we hope to hear more upon it from your correspondents. With reference to a majority of the farmers in the County of Hants, the question of landlord and tenant is but little needed. Many of our farmers own hundreds, and some thousands, of acres of land immensely covered with timber, with inexhaustible mountains of slate for roofing, and an abundance of freestone for building purposes, clay and sand in many places for brick-yards, likewise fire-clay and pottery-clay in variety, also lime and gypsum in various places, and a large area of an undeveloped coal field, plenty of streams for mills and machinery with a shipbuilding shore nicely skirting our county. And why prosperity does not more fully flow from these resources without the aid of a landlord may be answered by referring to a point that Mr. Thomas touched upon, although perhaps rather lightly, viz, what the Government had done for us in giving us a railway, and concerning its location. Now I believe that it is in man to apply or misapply what Providence has placed within our reach. If our county were intersected with a branch railway, it would do more for us in our farming interest in bringing in capital to develop our resources, giving us a Home market, sending timber to our shores, build up our shipping interest, and induce our young men to stay home, which would be better spent money than the same amount given by Government as Agricultural and Emigration grants. Now, as regards draining, I believe it to be one of the most fundamental principles of farming, and as our article has already grown perhaps too long, and as it is a worthy subject, I may take it up again after hearing others.

Yours, respectfully,
SAMUEL BLOIS.

We find the following in the "Truro Sun":—

On the fourth page of this paper will be found the proceedings of the Central Board of Agriculture, a perusal of which will convince our readers that extensive preparations are being made for the coming Provincial Agricultural Exhibition at Halifax. We are glad to hear that a number of our Colchester farmers are already making preparations to have articles there, and sincerely trust that

they will give a good account of themselves. While we are of the opinion that it is of the highest importance to have our agricultural productions form the leading feature of the exhibition, still we think that our industrial productions should not have been entirely ignored. However, let all who can "go in and win." We see nothing in the arrangements, thus far, which we seriously object to, save in one item, viz: where exhibitors are allowed to put their names on the articles entered for competition. This we conceive to be a very grave error, and will surely lead to trouble, grumbling and dissatisfaction. It is time enough for the names of exhibitors to be put on after the judges have awarded the prizes, and should in all instances be done. If the system of ticketing articles with names of exhibitors prevails, what security is there, we ask, that justice will be properly meted out? The judges at this exhibition will naturally be imbued with the prejudices common to all mankind; and if such is the case, may we be allowed to ask how far a man's judgment will control his prejudices? Let us apply a "butter argument"—we have heard butter arguments before—suppose a butter dealer happens to be on as a judge of Butter. He knows, or honestly thinks he knows, the best butter maker in the Province. Every pound of butter this butter maker can produce finds a ready sale at said butter dealer's store, and is retailed to his customers as the best butter in the Province. Will any one pretend to say that if this judge of butter, should come across the name of his favorite customer on a tub, that he will pass it by and give the first prize to another, and thus belie all his former assertions. This argument will apply in other cases. But what of the judges? Will men be found willing to place themselves in such awkward positions, liable to be faulted by every crotchety old judge or general, who has gone to the trouble of importing a fancy animal, and who thinks that the sun does not shine on a better. We are sorry that this step has been taken, as future exhibitions in the different counties should have something worth copying from in the carrying out of this exhibition.

[There may be another side to this question, and we shall be glad if intending Exhibitors will discuss fairly this or any other matter relating to the Rules before the Board meeting in June takes place. It is to be kept in view that the regulation complained of is not a Prize List Rule to be enforced upon competitors, but merely a permissive resolution of the Board, which may or may not be acted upon at the discretion of the competitor. The Board have but one object in view, the successful carrying out of the Exhibition, and will gladly adopt any prudent

and practicable suggestions. We may further remark that the Editor of the *Sun* has made a pardonable mistake in giving butter judging as an example to illustrate the kind of evil likely to arise. The resolution applies only to animals, and we repeat it from the Report:—

Moved by Colonel Laurie, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and

Resolved, That exhibitors may label their animals with the owner's name, etc., on cards to be furnished by the Secretary, in addition to the entry card of the animal.

It is no doubt the duty of the Secretary of the Board to see that everything is clearly expressed to prevent the possibility of mistakes. In this instance it would have been well to have explained that competitor's names would not be permitted upon anything *except animals*. We hope this notice will be sufficient.—
Ed. J. A.]

THE Secretary of the Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society has written to John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., to say that the Society will contribute \$25 to the prize fund of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

SAMPLES of Mr. Blanchard's Seed Oats (offered at \$1 per bushel) may be seen at the Provincial Library.

THE Pictou Agricultural Society has contributed forty dollars to the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

Reports of Agri. Societies.

REPORT OF ANNAPOLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1873.

At the annual meeting of the Annapolis Agricultural Society, held in the Court House, agreeable to notice, on Dec. 3rd. The President in the chair. The President called upon the officers for their report, when the Secretary read the report as follows:

Mr. President,—The officers and directors of the Annapolis Agricultural Society beg leave to report that during the last year the number of members has increased ten, making 83 paid up members, as shown per list annexed. Since the last annual meeting there have been held three general meetings of the Society, and one of the General Committee. At the meeting held in June it was not deemed expedient to hold an exhibition in the autumn, in consequence of the funds of the Society having been mainly spent in the purchase and keep of Stock, which was considered would best promote the interests of the Society. The Committee appointed to take charge of the two short horn Durham Bulls, report that their ser-

VICES have nearly paid their keeping, both having proved good Stock getters; and the improvement made by them is considered to be worth to the Society four times the cost of the Bulls.

The earnings of the Durham Bull Charles the 1st, are	\$100 00
The earnings of the Durham Bull General Grant, are	85 00
	<hr/> \$185 00

The Treasurer's account shows the total amount of receipts for the past year to be \$280.70. And expenses to be \$230.94, leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands \$49.76.

Office-bearers for 1874 were appointed as follows:—*President*, George Whitman; *Vice-President*, Jas. Horsfall; *Treasurer*, Alexander Harris; *Secretary*, Stathern Bailey; *Directors*, E. E. McDormand, Dimock Whitman, Rev. W. S. Grey, John G. Woodbury, J. Millage Harris.

Fifty dollars voted to be given out of the funds of this Society to the Central Board of Agriculture towards assisting the Board to extend their prize lists in the Provincial Exhibition to be held in October, 1874.

E. E. McDormand, George Wells and J. Millage Harris were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer. When they reported having carefully examined the said accounts, and found them correct, that the vouchers corresponded with the charges, and being put to the meeting, the report was confirmed unanimously.

It was resolved to sell the bull Charles the 1st, the first opportunity, and purchase an Ayrshire Bull in his stead, and to be placed within one mile of the Court House at Annapolis for one year, commencing March the 1st, 1874, under the supervision of the General Committee.

Charles B. Whitman, Esq., was nominated by the officers of this Society for appointment to the Central Board, of which I have transmitted you notice by letter.

Respecting the crops in this Section of the County, the root, hay and grain crops were about a fair average, much better than was expected in the month of July; the fruit crop much lighter than for many years.

GEORGE WHITMAN, *President*.
STATHERN BAILEY, *Secretary*.

MORRISTOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CO. ANTIGONISH.

The annual meeting of the Morristown Agricultural Society was held at Morristown, on Tuesday, the 2nd December. The President in the Chair, Owing to the severity of the weather and unfavorable state of the roads, the meeting was not so numerously attended as on previous occasions. The Society consists of fifty (50) members, and have three imported

Bulls, two of them Grade, and one thorough-bred Durham.

The Grade Bulls are fine animals; the Mara Duke, purchased last Fall by Mr. McNair, at the sale of Government stock at Richmond, has not given general satisfaction; although a promising animal when brought here, he appears to have been in failing health since the early part of last summer. Unless he improves ere long, the Society will probably have to replace him by the importation of another.

The Society purchased 12 superior Ram Lambs of the Leicester Breed, in P. E. Island in October last, and they were sold at auction upon arrival here to members of the Society at a small discount. The farmers of this section of the County manifest an earnest desire for the improvement of sheep as well as neat cattle.

A committee was appointed to examine the accounts, which being found correct, are as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on Treasurer's hands	\$29.81
By Members Subscriptions	73.00
By sales of Sheep	72 85
	<hr/> \$175.66
EXPENSES.	
Cost of Sheep	\$112.49
Keeping Bulls	110.25
	<hr/> \$222.74

Which leaves us \$47.08 in arrears. We have, however, the annual grant for the past year yet to draw upon, which we trust will enable us to pay up all arrears, and leave a balance in hand for future operations.

The Secretary then read a communication from George Lawson, Esq., referring to the Provincial Exhibition, after which it was moved and seconded, and passed, That the sum of \$25.00 be voted to the prize fund of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition. The Society regret that owing to unsatisfactory condition of one of their Bulls, the "Mara Duke," they did not think it advisable to vote a larger sum.

In reference to the several crops, we have to report, that in this section of the country hay was an average crop. The difficulty of obtaining labor at reasonable rates has led to a great increase in the number of mowing machines, which not only has enabled many farmers to secure their hay crop with less expense but also in better condition.

Wheat early sown was well filled and not much injured by wind, but what was late sown was poor, being very seriously damaged by the great storm of the 24th August. Oats, although a heavy growth of straw, are likely to yield a small crop of grain, and of inferior quality. Barley, not much sown, but stood the storm better, and will be a fair crop. Potatoes were over an average crop and of excel-

lent quality, not much affected with rot. Turnips were a good crop, though not much cultivated. Seldom if ever have the grain crops in this section of the county presented a better appearance than previous to the 24th of August, after which storm a very great change took place, which to a certain extent blighted the hopes of many a farmer.

The following persons were elected Office Bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*—Robert Trotter, Esq.; *Vice-President*—John C. McDonald, Esq.; *Treasurer*—Archibald McGillivray, Esq.; *Secretary*—Alexander Chisholm; *Directors*—David McNair, Robert McDonald, Donald McDonald, Moses Somers, Donald McDonald, Esq.

Robert Trotter, Esq., was appointed to represent District No. 5 of the Province, at the Board of Agriculture.

ALEXANDER CHISHOLM,
Secretary.

MILFORD HAVEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CO. GUYSBOROUGH.

To the Secretary of Central Board of Agriculture, Halifax.

DEAR SIR,—In submitting the annual report of the Milford Haven Agricultural Society for the year ending the ninth of December, 1873, I beg leave to inform you this Society numbers fifty members, who paid an annual subscription of one dollar each.

A Director's meeting was held at their office third of March last, for the purpose of taking into consideration how to appropriate the funds at their disposal to the best advantage. It was proposed, moved, seconded, and passed, should the Central Board of Agriculture import stock, that the Society purchase two full-bred Bulls, for the benefit of the Society, and that part of the funds be expended in the purchase of seeds, tools, &c. Said stock not being imported, nothing was done in the matter.

Part of the funds was expended in the purchase of grass seed to the amount of \$45.00, which was distributed to the members free of charge. As the ambition of the Society is to improve their stock, all their available funds were placed in the Savings Bank for the purchasing stock in the spring of 1874.

Balance in favor of Society, April 15.....	\$233 12
Expenses and promissory notes due by Society for year 1873.....	173 44
Balance in Cash.....	\$89 68
Amount of promissory notes due Society...	76 66
Total	<hr/> \$166 34

I am happy to inform you that this Society has passed a vote to give one-fourth of the grant for the year 1874 for the benefit of the Provincial Exhibition for that year, and wish it every success.

I am sorry to state that the gale of the twenty-fourth August last destroyed the grain crops to a certain extent in the County of Guysboro, likewise blowing down barns and dwelling houses, and destroying crops that were already housed, to the misfortune of the farmer, mechanic, merchant, and fisherman, the latter in many instances losing all they possessed in the shape of seines, nets, boats, &c., and are now in a state of destitution, owing to the failure of fall fishing along part of the shores; and where fish did strike no means to take them. The farmers in nearly all cases have erected buildings to answer their purposes for the present winter, but it will be some years before the county will assume its former appearance.

The potato crop in many instances was no more than half a crop, especially on the sea board, causing a still further distress to parties employed in farming and fishing. In all, the year 1873 will be remembered by many for its destruction of life and property.

THOMAS McDONALD,
Secretary.

WEYMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We beg to submit the following report for the year ending 1st December, 1873: The Society was called to meet at J. S. M. Jones's. After the accounts were submitted and passed, the officers were appointed for the year 1874.—*President*—A. D. Hoyt, Esq.; *Vice-President*—Wm. H. Dahlgreen; *Sec'y.* and *Treasurer*—J. S. M. Jones; *Committee*—Jeremiah Dahlgreen, Chas. Jones, Jacob Wyman, Edw. Hogen, George Taylor; John Dakin was appointed for the Central Board.

The letter from the Board of Agriculture requesting our Society to contribute something toward the Agricultural Exhibition to be held in Halifax, 1874, was submitted. The Society is sorry that they are not in a position to give anything out of its funds for that purpose. We are so situated that we could not receive any benefit from the Exhibition, and by giving we would have to deprive ourselves of the use of stock that is much needed in the Society.

A. D. HOYT, *President*.
J. S. M. JONES, *Secretary*.

WEYMOUTH, Dec. 3, 1873.

ENFIELD, HANTS COUNTY,
April 4th, 1874

A meeting of persons desirous of forming themselves into an Agricultural Society was held in the School House on the 4th inst. Mr. Thomas B. Donaldson was appointed Chairman, Mr. James McKenzie, Secretary. A declaration and schedule had been signed by forty-three persons, but the evening being stormy

only twenty-six of those who signed attended the meeting. After a conversation on the objects of the Society, the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

1. That the Society be called "The Enfield Agricultural Society."

2. That the annual subscription be two dollars a year.

3. The officers for the ensuing year were chosen each by an unanimous vote.

President—Thomas B. Donaldson; *Treasurer*—Andrew Howe, jr.; *Secretary*—James McKenzie; *Directors*—James Howe, James Brown, Donald McDonald, Robert A. Ross, Donne Benery.

Thirteen members paid their subscriptions to the Treasurer at meeting, and it was agreed to hold another meeting that night week, when all the subscriptions were requested to be paid in. It is expected that the Society will commence with over fifty members.

T. B. DONALDSON, *President*.
JAMES MCKENZIE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE NINE MILE RIVER AND HARDWOODLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CO. HANTS.

DECEMBER 26TH, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland Agricultural Society was held, in accordance with the act, on the first Tuesday of December, 1873.

The meeting was well attended, nearly all the members being present. The accounts for the year were presented, approved, and paid, which are as follows:—

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for 110 lbs. Clover Seed.....	\$13.25
" for 34 bushels Barley.....	34.00
" for keeping of Bull.....	50.50
" for Sundries.....	12.15
	\$118.90

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Hand.....	\$57.90
Government Grant.....	35.62
Subscriptions of Members.....	51.50
	145.02
	118.00
	\$26.12

Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$26.12, without the Government grant for this year.

We then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year:—*President*—Alexander McDonald; *Vice-President*—John Grant; *Secretary*—William J. Withrow; *Treasurer*—James Orr Fraser; *Directors*—Herbert Fraser, Peter A. Grant, Alexander Ferguson, Alexander Moxom, James Fraser.

After discussing the matter of giving something to the Provincial Exhibition prize fund, it was unanimously agreed to give \$15.00.

Our crops in this locality were good. Hay, Oats, Barley and Buckwheat an

average crop. Potatoes above the average, and of good quality.

All respectfully submitted,

DONALD FERGUSON, *President*.

WILLIAM J. WITHROW, *Secretary*.

N. B.—I did not receive your letter respecting the appointment of a suitable person to Central Board until after our annual meeting. I laid it before the officers of our Society at the earliest opportunity. They agreed that I. Longworth, Esq., was a suitable person to the appointment as member of Central Board.

W. J. WITHROW, *Secretary*.

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF DIGBY, ST. MARY'S BAY.

To the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR,—The officers of the Union Agricultural Society beg to submit the report as follows:—That on account of some mismanagement in the affairs of the Society, its membership is very small. At a meeting of the officers and directors, held in March last, it was resolved that the funds of the Society be appropriated to the purchase of stock. The President and one of the directors were appointed to purchase the same. In May they went to Yarmouth County, and purchased a yearling Bull, for which they paid \$28.00. They undertook to drive him home, and while doing so he got extremely cross, and they sold him for \$9.50. The bill rendered for their expenses and the loss on the sale of the Bull makes us minus \$29.88, hence only ten have paid their annual subscriptions, amounting to the small sum of ten dollars.

Treasurer's Report as follows:—

Balance on Hand from 1872.....	\$ 40
Government Grant for 1873.....	60 50
Cash for Goods sold.....	10 99
Subscriptions for 1873.....	10 00

\$81 89

To Blank Books, Postage, &c.....\$ 21
Loss on purchase of Bull & expenses. 29 88

30 09

In Hands of Treasurer..... \$51 80

Pursuant to notice, a few of the members met to hold the annual meeting; the attendance being so small it was adjourned from time to time. On Monday the 5th inst., we succeeded in appointing our officers as follows:—*President*—John S. McNeill; *Vice-President*—Wm. H. John; *Secy.* and *Treasurer*—Joseph S. McNeill; *Directors*—Chas. Bent, George Saxton, Asa Porter, jr., Wallis Denland, and Bernard McNeill.

John Dakin, Esq., was nominated as a representative to the Central Board. The sum of eight dollars was subscribed towards the prize fund.

JOSEPH S. MCNEILL,
Secy. and Treasurer.

St. Mary's Bay, January 7th, 1874.

NORTH SYDNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CAPE BRETON CO.

NORTH SYDNEY, Dec. 28, 1873.

PROFESSOR LAWSON,

Dear Sir,—In terms of the act for encouragement of agriculture, the North Sydney Agricultural Society held their annual meeting in Temperance Hall, Dec. 2nd, 1873. The President, W. H. Moore, Esq., in the chair. Minutes of all meetings held during the year were read and approved.

The Directors then submitted their annual report, stating that they had examined the books of the Society and found receipts and expenses as follows:—

Balance in Treasurer's hand, Dec. 3, 1872.....	\$101 80
Cash received from forty five members.....	45 00
" " from sale of Sheep.....	51 25
" " from sale of Horse Rakes.....	35 52
" " from sale of Seeds.....	75 89
Government Grant for 1872.....	69 53
	\$378 99

EXPENSES.

Paid for Seeds in 1873.....	\$35 55
" " Sheep and expenscs.....	135 25
" " Horse Rakes.....	35 52—206 32
Amount of Cash in hand.....	\$172 67
Seeds on hand worth.....	21 99
Total amount of Funds.....	\$194 26

It was decided at the annual meeting in December 1872, that the directors have power to dispose of the funds of the Society in the importation of improved stock, seeds and agricultural implements, and, by the accounts above shown, you will see the importation of Horse Rakes, Seeds, and ten Sheep imported from P. E. Island, costing the Society the sum of \$135.25, which they hope will be of great benefit to the Society. In referring to the crops in this section of the county, your directors would say they cannot report favorably.

Wheat, Oats, and Barley very light, owing to the storm of August 24th. Potatoes and all other roots not more than half an average crop. Fruit almost a total failure.

In closing this report, the directors would say that although the partial failure of our crops somewhat dampens our prospects, still we have pleasure in reporting the affairs of the Society in a very satisfactory state. After the adoption of the above report, the officers of last year were re-elected as follows:—

President—W. H. Moore; Vice-President—James Munn; Treasurer—J. B. Moore; Secretary—A. G. Musgrave; Directors—Alex. Moore, Samuel Jackson, W. C. Moffatt, G. B. Moffatt, and J. D. Meloney.

It was then resolved, on motion, that the sum of \$25 be subscribed by this Society in aid of the Provincial Exhibition.

The officers, in compliance with the act

of 1873, nominated John Ross, M. M. P., a member of the Board of Agriculture.

Resolved, That the directors, as heretofore, have power to dispose of the funds of the Society in procuring improved stock, seeds, implements, &c.

A. G. MUSGRAVE, Secretary.

GAIRLOCH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

GAIRLOCH, PICTOU, Dec. 2, 1873.

Which time and place the Gairloch Agricultural Society met, John Gordon, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Brodie, Secretary, brought before the Society the notices received during the past year. It was moved and agreed to that as Mr. David Matheson takes the greatest interest here in Agriculture, he be and is hereby nominated by this Society as the most suitable member for the Central Board. Moved that a sum not less than one-half the available bounty be given to the Exhibition at Halifax, and that the Directors solicit subscriptions from the wealthiest members in addition to what the Society may be able to give. The following were the office bearers for current year:—President—John Gordon; Vice-President—Kenneth Ross; Secty. and Treasurer—Neil Brodie; Asst. Secretary—J. R. McDonald; Directors—Adam McKenzie, Duncan McDonald, Duncan McKonzie, Angus McLeod, and Alex. Gordon. Accounts submitted and approved.

(Signed.)
JOHN GORDON, President.
NEIL BRODIE, Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

By subscription of members.....	\$168 00
By Bounty from Central Board.....	97 56
By Balance.....	0 35
Total.....	\$265 91

EXPENDITURES.

By Canadian Wheat and expenses thereof	\$230 00
By Loss on Clover Seed.....	11 73
By Journals.....	4 00
By expenditure of former Directors to the Pictou Society and allowed.....	36 00

	\$281 73
Less Receipts.....	265 91
	\$15 82

(Signed by order),
NEIL BRODIE, Secretary.

SYDNEY MINES AND LITTLE BRASD'OR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SYDNEY MINES, C. B.,
December 2nd, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Mines and Little Brasd'or Agricultural Society, was held this day at Sydney Mines, pursuant to law, R. H. Brown, Esq., President, in the Chair. Reports and proceedings of the past year read and

approved. The following is a statement of the financial standing of the Society:—

Balance on hand at last annual meeting.....	\$38 57
Amount of annual grant.....	67 97
Collected for services of Bull.....	1 50
Subscription of fifty-two members.....	62 00
	\$210 04
By paid postage.....	\$ 06
Advertising annual meeting.....	1 16
For Devon Bull Theodore.....	00 50
Ring, Halter, Chain and Rope.....	1 22
For Agricultural Journals.....	4 00
For Postage.....	03
For Seeds to Saunders.....	40 73
For keeping of Bull.....	30 00—167 69
Balance on hand.....	\$42 35
Stock over Devon Bull bought December 1872.....	90 50

It was moved by John Edwards, and seconded by William Cox, the officers for the past year retain their offices, carried unanimously. John Ross, Esq., M. P., was elected as a candidate to the Central Board of Agriculture.

A communication from the Central Board of Agriculture, dated October 30th, in reference to Agricultural Societies, voting an amount towards carrying out the scheme of holding a Provincial Agricultural Exhibition at Halifax, in Oct., 1874, was read and approved of, and the sum of twenty dollars was voted as a donation towards carrying out such scheme.

Members report the hay crop very fair. Potatoes, turnips and cereals below the average. Oats very poor, and far below the average. They attributed the failure of the latter to the heavy rains in July; but all the crops suffered more or less by the severe gale in August!

The Society have decided to keep the thorough-bred Devon Bull, Theodore until next autumn, and then dispose of him, if they can do so to advantage. Any Society or person wishing to purchase such a fine animal will please communicate with the President.

R. H. BROWN, President,
ALBERT CORBETT, Secretary.

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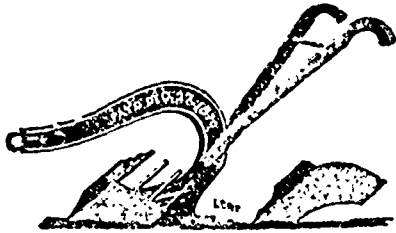
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Sec'y E. A. S.
Stellarton, March 26, 1874.

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