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HALIFAX, N. S., JAN. 22, 1875.

It speaks well for the health of our agricultural organization throughout the Province that the most interesting matter with which we can furnish our readers, consists of the Reports of County and District Agricultural Societies. The present number is entirely filled with such, which will be a sufficient apology for the absence of other matter. We have still a large mass of Reports ready for the printer, and hope to overtake the whole in the February and March numbers.

We wish to notice the subject of Bone Dust as a Manure. The importance of promoting its more general use has for some years engaged the attention of the Central Board, but the measure of success attained in securing the co-operation of societies and farmers has not been commensurate with the efforts that have been made. We wish to enquire into the causes of this, and to place the whole subject fairly before our readers. In order to do so satisfactorily it is necessary that we should know the results that have been obtained, whether satisfactory or otherwise, by those who have used Bones in the Province; and we shall therefore feel much obliged for any information of this sort with which Correspondents may favour us. If Bones cannot be used as profitably in Nova Scotia as in other countries, it is time to know the reason why.

#### MOOT POINTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL ACT.

PARADISE, Dec. 12, 1874.

*My dear sir,*—Owing to a discussion having taken place relative to the correct meaning of some parts of the Agricultural Law, touching the time of making up of the accounts of Agricultural Societies, as well as points in connection with the making out of returns, I beg to submit a few questions to your consideration, and request that you will be pleased to send me answers thereto:

1st. Does the Agricultural year end on the first Tuesday of December of each year, this being the time of holding the annual meeting?

2nd. Should the accounts be made up at that meeting and the books balanced?

3rd. Is it required that there should be 40 paid up members reported at the annual meeting for the Society to participate in the annual grant for the year just ending?

4th. Can a weak society that has not the 40 paid up members at the annual meeting, raise its membership "after said meeting and before the time allowed for the returns to be in at your office," to 70 or 80 members—and draw annual grant on them, or should they be considered as new members for the ensuing year?

5th. Are two Societies considered on equal terms for division of grant—the one in the position as shown in question 4th, the other with 80 actual paid up members during the year, having expended its funds in the purchasing of stock

and advancing the interests of agriculture in other respects?

Yours truly,

W. E. STARRATT,

To Professor Lawson, Sec'y, Central Board of Agriculture, Halifax.

#### REPLY.

1st. Yes. The Agricultural Societies' year ends on 1st Tuesday of December, so soon as the Directors' report has been approved of. The election of new office-bearers constitutes the first act of the new year.

2nd. Yes. Accounts should be made up, balanced and reported to the annual meeting.

3rd. Societies are not necessarily required to report 40 paid up members at the annual meeting. They are allowed to collect arrears and receive new subscriptions up to the close of the calendar year,—the rule being that their return shall be sent in on or before 31st Dec. To some persons it is not quite clear that this is the intention of the Act, but the Board have tried various methods, and find this to be the only workable one. No new Society can be formed later in the year than September, three months notice being required to enable the Board to enquire into the necessity for its organization.

4th. Some Societies require all their members to pay up before the annual meeting, and then open a new list, carrying the new subscriptions over to the

next year. This is the preferable method. Other Societies have difficulty enough to collect their arrears by the close of Dec., so as to make up the minimum amount. The Board have found it quite impracticable to obtain uniformity. The grant is given on the attested amount of subscriptions "for the year," whether paid before or after the annual meeting.

5th. All Societies are on an equality (except as regards the amount of money raised, &c.) so long as their reports show that they are effectively carrying out the provisions of the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

The Board may, on sufficient grounds, admit or reject a Society, but cannot modify the amount of annual grant; that is simply the result of arithmetical calculation.

**Reports of Agri. Societies.**

**ENFIELD AGRI. SOCIETY.**

ENFIELD, *Hants Co.*, Dec. 19, 1874.

This Society was organized on the 4th of April, 1874. During the past year forty-four members were received. The annual subscription was determined to be two dollars for the first year.

A Committee appointed by the Society, after making inquiries in various quarters, purchased a bull from Mr. James Sweet, of Windsor, he was three-fourths Durham, and one-fourth Hereford. He was placed for the summer upon the farm of Mr. Andrew Horne, jr., and has given satisfaction to the Society.

A Committee of the Society attended the Provincial Exhibition in October, with a view of purchasing rams, but did not find anything that suited them. The annual meeting of the Society was held at Enfield Schoolhouse on the 7th Dec., 1874, and was adjourned until the 19th. The following financial statement was given by the Treasurer:

Dr.	
To subscriptions, 44 members at \$2.00 each.	\$ 88 00
Money advanced for purchase of rams.	17 00
Cr.	
By paid for the bull.	\$35 00
Expense of Committee that purchased bull.	7 50
Keeping bull until Nov. 1st, and sundry expenses.	14 00
	<hr/> \$66 70

Bal. in hands of Treas. \$43 30  
It was determined that the subscription for the year 1874 be \$1.50 each member, to be paid up on or before the regular meeting in March next.

The officers for the next year were elected as follows:

*President.*—Thomas B. Donaldson;

*Vice-President.*—Wm. Scott; *Treas.*—Henry F. Donaldson; *Secretary.*—James McKenzie; *Directors.*—Donald McDonnell, Wm. Goff, Donny Bauery, Andrew Brown, Leonard Horne, jr.

Nominated as representative to the Central Board, James McKenzie.

In this neighborhood in the season of 1874 the hay crop was a good one, and was saved in good condition. Potatoes were very light, oats light, wheat, for which the soil of this neighborhood is well suited, did well, barley average, turnips poor, fruit, none raised worth mentioning.

THOS. B. DONALDSON, *Pres.*  
JAS. MCKENZIE, *Secretary.*

**YARMOUTH TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

WELLINGTON, *Yarmouth Co.*, }  
Dec. 22, 1874. }

Dear Sir,—I forward report of Yarmouth Township Agricultural Society's meeting, with financial statement, &c., which I trust will be satisfactory. Please excuse delay, as I only just received the books from the late Secretary. Please address the Journals, and other correspondence for the Society, Wellington Yarmouth Co.

Very truly yours,  
JAMES CROSBY, *Sec'y.*

P. S.—With regard to crop reports, &c., the County Secretary has kept you fully posted. I might endorse his report as to the excellence of nearly all crops, and the splendid condition in which the hay crop was secured.

J. Crosby.

Yarmouth Township Agricultural Society was held at Hebron, on Tuesday, 2nd Dec., President in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Auditing Committee reported accounts correct. Officers for 1875 elected as follows:

*President.*—John Rose; *Vice-Pres.*—Charles Rogers; *Sec'y.*—James Crosby; *Treas.*—Geo. W. Rose; *Directors.*—Jas. K. Rose, Wm. Durkee, G. M. Patten, Robt. K. Rose, Nathan Butler.

James Crosby nominated for appointment to Central Board.

*Society in account with Treasurer.*

Dr.	
To cash on hand, Jan., 1874	\$ 60 77
Provincial Grant	102 00
Members' fees	72 00
Receipts from bull	23 50
	<hr/> \$233 27

Cr.	
By cash paid for book	\$ 1 50
paid keeping bull, winter	40 00
" " summer	19 50
" Premiums	124 35
" Expenses Exhibition	10 00
Advertising, rent, &c., about	10 00
	<hr/> \$205 35

Bal. on hand, about \$ 32 00

**DIGBY CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Report of the Officers and Directors of the Digby Agricultural Society, presented at the Annual Meeting, held 1st Dec., 1874.

In reporting to you our proceedings for the past year, we beg leave to remind you that at the last annual meeting the Society owned three bulls. Two of them were put out to members of the Society for one year for fifty-eight dollars each, and the other was sold, as we did not wish to winter it.

Last spring we purchased in New Brunswick a pure blooded Ayrshire Bull, at a cost of \$65.00, and expenses \$24.56, in all \$89.56. These bulls will require to be provided for, for the ensuing year.

We also purchased six Leicester ram lambs, which were sold in the Society.

We have also to inform you of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year:

Cash in hand at last annual meeting	.. \$ 2 35
From sale of bull	8 00
Government grant, less amount Journals	226 85
Subscriptions for 1873	118 00
Sale of lambs	37 75
	<hr/> \$393 75

Cash paid for bull and expenses	.. \$40 56
keeping Durham bull	58 00
" Devon	58 00
" Ayrshire	35 00
Lambs and expenses	47 00
Secretary's expenses	8 00
	<hr/> \$266 30

Cash in hands of Treas. \$ 97 65  
Respecting the crops we beg leave to report:

Hay, a full average crop. Wheat, good where sown. Barley, a fair yield, the last part of season rather dry. Oats, a fair crop, straw heavy. Buckwheat, a light crop. Potatoes, good in some places, in some other places much injured by blight. Turnips a light yield. Beets and carrots light, caused by dry weather in the autumn. Apples, a fair crop. Gooseberries and currants better than last year.

Officers and Directors, for 1875:  
*Pres.*—John Dakin, Esq.; *Vice-Pres.*—Charles T. Potter; *Sec'y and Treas.*—Wm. Aymar. *Directors.*—Joseph Lent, Robert J. Turnbull, Charles E. Warm, John Warrington, Benjamin Hardy.  
WM. AYMAR, *Sec'y.*

**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The Directors of the Society submit their annual Report as follows:

That your society numbers eighty-one members.

That the receipts for the past year amount to \$201.69, while the expenditure for the same time has been \$262.56, leaving a balance in favour of the Treasurer amounting to \$60.87.

That two very superior bulls—Dur-

hain—have been purchased for the Society at a cost of about two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

These bulls, with the six rams, composing the stock now owned by your Society, we would recommend should be disposed of in such a manner as would leave your funds available for the purchase of more stock, or to be used in such other way as will best promote the interests of your Society.

Your Directors would unite with you in expressing our devout thankfulness for the rich harvest with which a bountiful Providence has rewarded our labours during the past season.

The crops, with the exception of roots and fruit—the former being a light crop, and the latter, owing to the "August gale" of 1873, injuring nearly all fruit trees and killing many, has been almost a failure.

Hay is from 20 to 30 per cent above an average crop, while wheat, oats and other grains are above an average in quantity, and very superior in quality.

The Treasurer's account, which we submit, will show in what way your funds have been expended, and we hope such expenditure will receive your approval and sanction.

DAVID MATHESON, *President.*

JOHN MCKENZIE, *Secretary.*

Pictou, Dec. 1st, 1874.

The following is a list of officers for the ensuing year:

*President.*—David Matheson; *Vice-Pres.*—Donald Fraser; *Treas.*—Daniel Sutherland; *Sec'y.*—John McKenzie. *Directors.*—Geo. W. Campbell, Hugh D. Duncan, John T. Matheson, Robert Paterson, Thos. A. McDonald, David Millar.

Resolved that D. Matheson, Esq., be recommended to the Board of Agriculture as a member thereof.

JOHN MCKENZIE, *Sec'y.*

MABOU AND PORT HOOD AGRI. SOCIETY.

Mabou, C. B.

In accordance with the requirements of law, the Mabou and Port Hood Agricultural Society met in Port Hood on Friday, 1st of December.

The accounts of the Society for the past year were presented, showing the balance in favor of the Society to be \$222.

The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year;

*President.*—John McKeen; *Vice-Pres.*—Robert McDougal; *Sec. and Treas.*—L. S. McKeen. *Directors.*—Edward D. Trémain, Edward Dulhanty, Walter McDonald, William Murray, Lauchlin McNeill.

The managers beg to state that as the funds of the Society were reduced so low, no purchases were made, and would ad-

vised that the funds of the Society be husbanded until such time as the Central Board make another importation.

The Hon. Peter Smith of Port Hood was nominated as a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

L. S. MCKEEN, *Sec. and Treas.*

NORTH QUEEN'S AGRI. SOC'Y.

CALEDONIA, Dec. 26th, 1874.

STR.—According to notice, the North Queen's Agricultural Society held its annual meeting in their Hall. After reading minutes and other necessary business, the books of the Society were audited by a Committee and found to agree, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$84.82, the Society reserving a considerable portion of its funds the past year with the expectation of purchasing some improved stock the coming year.

We have 40 members at one dollar each, the amount of subscription money has been paid over to the Treasurer, the receipt for which is enclosed. The Treasurer being unexpectedly called from home, we are unable to obtain his affidavit, but will get it and send to you in a very few days.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

*President.*—Charles Cushing; *Vice-President.*—Samuel Cushing; *Sec'y.*—B. S. Teller; *Treas.*—Milton F. Douglas.

Charles Allison, Esq., of Kempt, Queens Co., was nominated for election to the Central Board of Agriculture, notice of which was sent you immediately after the meeting.

The crops for the past season have been fully an average with former years.

Yours obediently,

CHARLES CUSHING, *Pres.*

B. S. TELFER, *Sec'y.*

NINE MILE RIVER AND HARDWOODLAND AGRI. SOCIETY.

NINE MILE RIVER, *Hants Co.,* }  
December 23rd, 1874.

Report of the Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, the 3rd Dec., in the Balnan schoolhouse. The President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A good number of the members being present, all of whom renewed their subscriptions for another year.

We then proceeded to the election of our officers for the ensuing year, viz:

*President.*—John Ferguson; *Vice-President.*—Charles Horn; *Sec'y.*—Wm. J. Withrow; *Treas.*—James Orr Fraser.

*Directors.*—Joseph Roilestone, George Horn, Allen McDonnell, Alex. Ferguson, jr., and Alex. Moxom.

The officers of this Society elected Israel Longworth member for Central Board.

OUR STOCK.

We had two bulls in our Society this summer; we sold one of them this fall, the other one is kept in the Society.

OUR CROPS.

Hay was above an average crop. Grain of all kinds was light. Potatoes, a light crop except where planted in very dry soil.

Our accounts presented by the Treasurer are thus:

<b>RECEIPTS.</b>	
Balance in hand from 1873. ....	\$ 28 08
By subscriptions of members.....	67 00
Service of bulls.....	5 00
Sale of one bull.....	41 00
	—————\$139 00
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>	
Paid Donald Ferguson.....	\$ 1 71
Herbert Fraser, for wintering bull.....	27 01
Postage.....	3
For one bull in Cornwallis.....	75 00
Expenses to Cornwallis.....	13 82
Keep of bull to H. Fraser.....	3 20
Joseph Roileston keep of bull.....	28 00
John Grant, keep of bull.....	19 20
	—————\$167 97

Due Treasurer.....\$ 28 29  
Messrs. Patrie, Fortune, John Urquhart and Hugh McDonald were appointed a Committee to examine the books of the Society, and to make a report of the same to the March meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Hardwoodland Schoolhouse, on the first Tuesday of March at 2 o'clock.

JOHN FERGUSON, *President.*

WM. J. WITHEROW, *Sec'y.*

NEWPORT AGRI. SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Newport Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, the 1st of Dec., 1874, in accordance with the Act for encouragement of Agriculture.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Directors presented a report, stating that they had sold the bulls belonging to the Society. The accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and approved.

<b>Dr.</b>	
To balance due Directors from last year....	\$ 28 78
Interest.....	3 16
Preference money in exchange of bulls.....	5 00
Keep of bulls.....	80 00
Expenses of sale of bulls.....	1 50
Secretary's salary.....	4 00
	—————\$132 96

<b>Cr.</b>	
By Government Grant.....	\$ 37 18
Members' subscriptions.....	50 00
Sale of Bulls.....	60 00
	—————\$148 18

Cash on hand, .....\$ 58 22

Officers for the ensuing year:  
*President.*—James Ross; *Vice-Pres.*—Samuel Chambers; *Sec'y and Treas.*—

Edward Allison.—*Directors.*—John W Harvie, Henry Allison, John Sprott, John Burke, Thomas J. Smith.

Resolved that the funds of the Society be used in the improvement of stock.

At a meeting of the officers of the Society, John W. Harvie of Newport was nominated for the Central Board.

E. ALLISON, *Sec'y.*

Newport, Dec. 28, 1874.

(From the Truro Sun.)

### REPORT OF ONSLOW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, 1874.

The officers of the Onslow Agricultural Society beg to submit the following report for the year 1874:

The number of members who have paid their subscriptions for the year, is 196, as per list annexed. After their appointment at the annual meeting, they met and unanimously nominated Israel Longworth, Esq., as a fit person to be a member of the Central Board, for District No. 4, in accordance with the Act. In January three iron ploughs, steel mould boards, were ordered from Alex. Newlands, Glasgow, which arrived in the spring and were sold to members at costs and charges, which have given good satisfaction.

The barley on hand was sold to members at one dollar per bushel.

The Directors purchased the Ayrshire Bull, Prince of Wales, from the Lower Stewiacke Society; he has been in the Society during the season and is a fine animal; he took the second prize at the Provincial Exhibition, in his class.

A new section having been formed at Upper North River, the Directors were under the necessity of purchasing a grade Bull, to supply it for the season which has since been sold. The Society exhibited at the Provincial Exhibition, their Devon Bull, Capt Jenks, which took the first prize, in his class; he having been in the Society four years, was sold for one hundred dollars.

The committee appointed to purchase stock have purchased two young Durham Bulls, viz: Duke of York, two years old, and Peter, one year old, which took the first prize at the Provincial Exhibition. They are both fine animals and have been located with the other stock for the next year. The Society now own five Durham, one Ayrshire, one Devon, one Grade Bulls, in all eight.

The returns will be certified and sent to the Central Board in accordance with the Act. The subject of under-drainage was taken up at the quarterly meeting in March and a committee was appointed to report. They reported that the probable cost of introducing a machine and starting an establishment would be about six hundred and fifty dollars. No further action has yet been taken.

The Directors would not recommend any alteration in the tariff for the services of Bulls to members at present. The crops for the year; Hay abundant yield, wheat not much sown, Barley good, Oats good, Buckwheat fair, Potatoes light, Roots fair yield.

The following is the financial statement which has been certified correct by the Auditing Committee.

#### RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year.....	\$107 50
" Provincial Grant for 1873.....	100 93
" Subscriptions of members, 196 (one member paying \$2.00).....	109 00
" Sale of 17 7-8 bushel Barley.....	17 87 1/2
" Sale of Ploughs.....	101 55
" Prizes on Stock at Exhibition.....	43 00
" Sale of Bull, General Grant.....	16 00
" Sale of Bull, Captain Jenks.....	100 00
" Sale of Bull, Grade Ayrshire.....	20 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$793 25 1/2</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

To Truro section, on account of failure of Bull.....	\$18 50
" R. Pollock for Ayrshire Bull, Prince of Wales.....	70 00
" For Journals of Agriculture.....	4 00
" For three Ploughs imported.....	101 55
" D. Lynds for Grade Ayrshire Bull.....	50 00
" A. Chase for Durham Bull, Peter.....	135 00
" Benjamin Kay for Durham Bull, Duke of York.....	135 00
" Exhibiting Bulls at Exhibition.....	39 78
" Keeping Duke of York and sale of Ayrshire.....	2 00
" Hugh Dickson, \$2.00; J. A. McCully, \$3.00; J. W. Lynds, \$5.00, for keep of Bulls.....	10 00
" Printing, Postage & Stationery.....	3 60
" Salary of Secretary.....	20 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$589 43</b>

Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$204 42 1/2
Subscriptions of members new due.....	196 00
Provincial Grant for 1874, less subscription to Prize Fund.....	80 00
Provincial Exhibition, 1874, probable....	110 00

To credit of Secretary.....\$500 42 1/2

ISSAC BARNHILL, *Sec'y.*

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

W. Blair, Esq., re-elected *President*; Robert Putnam, Esq., re-elected *Vice-President*; Isaac Barnhill, *Secretary*; Wm. N. Dickson, *Treas.*

*Directors.*—C. P. Blanchard, James Frame, J. W. Lynds, Silas Black, J. A. Crowe, Wm. Cox, John A. Dickson, Timothy Barnhill, Amos McCully.

Two new sections were formed in the Society. One in Masstown, and the other in Debert River. Directors were instructed to make the best arrangement they could to supply them with stock for the next year.

It was resolved that two pure bred Berkshire Boars and two Sows be imported by the Society. It was ordered that the Provincial Board of Agricultural be requested to import thorough Durham Heifers and thorough bred Horse suited for this Province.

It was resolved that the Directors take into consideration the propriety of holding a County Exhibition and take what steps they think proper.

The importation of Ploughs was also referred to Directors.

Israel Longworth, Esq., of Truro, was unanimously nominated as a fit and proper person to be appointed a member of the Central Board for District No. 4, in accordance with the Act, by the officers after their election.

ISAAC BARNHILL, *Sec'y.*

### MALAGASH AGRIC. SOCIETY, CO. CUMBERLAND.

DEAR SIR,—The annual meeting of Malagash Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, first Dec., as required by l.w. The business of past year was closed and Secretary's report received. Balance in fund, \$177. There are sixty-six members who have paid their annual dues of one dollar each. The Society have at the present time one fine Grade Durham bull.

The funds of Society to be expended in purchasing thorough bred stock.

The following officers were elected:

*President*—Kenneth McKenzie; *Vice-President*—Belden Treen; *Treasurer*—Robert McDonald; *Secretary*—Leander Treen. *Directors*—Thomas Simpson, Duncan McKinnon, J. R. McKenzie, Isaac Purdy, J. Treen. *Auditors*—Kenneth McKenzie, Richard Porteous.

The members are well pleased with the working of the society, and hope to keep it in a healthy condition. The society has increased four members this year. Alex. McKenzie, Esq., of Malagash was chosen representative to Central Board.

LEANDER TREEN, *Secretary,*

Malagash Agric. Society.

### REPORT OF THE CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Cash on hand from former year..	\$140 40
Subscriptions for the present year...	109 40
Received from other sources.....	200 23 449 03
Expended for farming implements	
Seeds and Stock.....	\$316 71
Freight.....	10 71
Secretary's salary.....	4 71
Cash on hand.....	118 92 449 03

The annual meeting was not very largely attended. It was resolved to hold quarterly meetings, and it was also resolved to expend part of our funds in the importation of stock to improve our breed of Cattle and Swine.

The officers of this society are Phillip B. Comeau, *President*; Ambrose A. Comeau, *Vice-President*; Anselm M. Comeau, *Secretary.* *Committee*—Ambrose A. Comeau, Ude Therio, Lewis Rubicheau, John Bourgue, and Agustino G. Comeau. The crops in this district were good. Hay was above an average. Oats also good. Barley was not very extensively sown. Potatoes were not very large in size but sound; very few rotten, although the blight took them very

early. All other root crops were fair, Mangel Wurtzels being quite extensively raised, and the farmers prefer them to turnips, and are easily raised.

This society has named John Dakin, Esq., to be a member of the Central Board.

ANSELM M. COMEAU, *Sec'y.*

Clare, Dec. 23rd., 1874.

CLEMENTS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Clements Agricultural Society, by the Officers and Directors, shows to the Central Board of Agriculture that they have been doing something for the improvement of stock in this Township. Of course a young society has to learn by experience, and has to calculate on opposition from selfish individuals, who, looking only to their own benefit, have not spirit enough to assist those who are ready and willing to act for the general interests of the agricultural class of the community.

We purchased one Bull, "Sir Gaspar," for fifty-one dollars; kept him at great expense until 3 August, when it being decided that he was unfit for service, being from some unknown cause, *effete*, he was sold at public auction for forty-one dollars.

Meanwhile we had purchased a second animal, "Sir John," for forty dollars, in order to supply the increasing demand for such animals. This one had to fill the place of the former wherever he had been useless, and consequently, though giving more satisfaction, was considered too costly to keep through the coming winter, so we sold him also at public auction for twenty-nine dollars and 50c.

Afterwards that we might not seem negligent and might supply all just demands, we purchased a third Bull, "Charles," reported of good stock, and sufficiently stocky to warrant our incurring expense of wintering him at a low price.

As the Township of Clements is well adapted for sheep raising, we determined to import some new breeds, and so purchased from Sussex, in New Brunswick, three young Rams, warranted pure Leicester, for the sum of thirty dollars and 37c. These Rams have been placed in the hands of the Directors, and, so far, are approved.

We purchased also ten dollars worth of seeds of various kinds, and distributed them amongst the members at cost, realizing thereby our outlay, but we regret to state that many of these seeds were not true to their kinds; and we hope that some means will be found by the Central Board for remedying the many imperfections passed off on country customers, by

the retail of poor seeds and uncertain articles from certain stores in the city.

We authorised the Secretary of the Central Board to deduct the sum of twenty dollars from the coming Provincial Grant, towards the great Exhibition of October last; and four dollars were deducted from our Grant of 1873, to pay for the *Agricultural Journal*.

In conclusion, we beg to state that all our expenses are paid, that we have no debts, and will have, over and above our incoming Provincial Grant, a small balance in the Savings Bank at Annapolis. And although we return now only fifty-two (paid) members instead of the seventy five with whom we started, many of whom, expecting to make money out of the arrangement, full away when disappointed, and some, not having their ideas of a Society carried out, went away into opposition, yet we think, as officers and directors, we have acted justly and fairly, and hope still to show to the Township that we aim at its agricultural improvement, and to the Central Board that we are trustworthy of the public funds entrusted to our care.

*President*—Cerono Purdy; *Vice-President*—Dow D. Potter; *Secretary*—W. M. Godfrey. *Directors*—Loth Wade Abm. Delmars, Charles R. Potter, Oliver Millnor, Aaron Potter.

Clements Port, Annapolis }  
Co., Dec. 2nd., 1874 }

CLYDE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Clyde River.

DEAR SIR,—

At the annual meeting of the Clyde River Agricultural Society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*—Wm. McKay, Esq.; *Vice-President*—Jas. Gibson; *Secretary*—Joseph McKay; *Treasurer*—M. G. Henry. *Directors*—Francis Nicol, B. Crowell, Thos. McKay, G. Thomson, R. Hamilton.

The Committee nominated Charles E. Brown, Yarmouth, to be member of the Central Board.

The Secretary reported and presented accounts for the past year, which gave the following summary:

To Jam. Gibson for keeping Alderney Bull.....	\$12 00
" Expended in Seeds, &c.....	36 65
" Journal of Agriculture.....	4 00
" County Exhibition held at Barrington....	22 00
	\$74 65
By bal. on hand Dec. 1873.....	95 29
" Provincial Grant.....	50 00
" Second hand plough sold.....	4 00
	\$188 29
Leaving a bal. on hand of.....	\$114 64

We tried some Chevalier Barley, but it did not give very great satisfaction.

The Exhibition at Barrington was quite successful.

The crops last summer were good, notwithstanding the unpromising spring. The Hay crop was extra. Potatoes turned out well, though a little rot affected them. The favorite potatoes now are Early Rose, Bresle's Prolific, and English Flourball. The Apple crop was only middling.

Two pigs, a little over a year old, were killed here this fall, weighing respectively 515 and 525 lbs., so much to the credit of Chester Whites.

M. G. HENRY, *Sec'y.*

P. S.—I have not included in the above account the members' subscriptions for this year. Our membership is to some extent enlarged this year, but some of the old members have not yet paid their fees, and I am not able to send the certificate of payment now; will do so as soon as possible.

M. G. N.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society held its annual meeting in accordance with the law, on Dec. 1st., 1874. The accounts of the past year being submitted, were read and approved, of which the following is a correct report:—

To sum paid for Durham Bull purchased in Cornwallis.....	\$ 90 00
Costs connected with said purchase.....	21 00
Keep said Bull during summer.....	37 00
To Sundries.....	0 22
	\$157 22

By annual fees, forty-one members.....	\$ 41 00
Provincial Grant.....	73 73
Balance in hand from past year.....	6 57
By Sundries.....	0 04
	\$122 24

Balance due Directors.....\$34 98

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz.:—*President*—T. A. Parker; *Vice-President*—William Horton; *Secretary and Treasurer*—David Archibald. *Committee*—David Kent, George H. Parker, and William Horton; and *Resolved* that Colonel Laurie be nominated for appointment to represent Society at Central Board.

DAVID ARCHIBALD, *Sec'y.*  
L. A. PARKER, *Pres.*

SCOTIA AGRIC. SOCIETY AT FOX HARBOUR, CUMBERLAND.

December, 1st., 1874.

Annual meeting of Scotia Agricultural Society held at Fox Harbour, Geo. Tuttle, Esq., in the chair.

The Directors report the Financial State of the Society as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash received.....	\$270 00
Expenditure.....	268 50
Balance.....	\$ 1 50

The Society has the following stock on hand:—One Durham Bull, cost \$200.

One Grade Bull, hired and kept for \$75, for next season.

Officers for the ensuing year, elected as follow:—*President*—Geo. Tuttle; *Vice-President*—Geo. McIvor; *Treasurer*—John Robertson; *Secretary*—C. J. McFarlane. *Directors*—Wm. Peers, Peter Reed, Alex. McFarlane, Murdoch Nicolson, Geo. Nicolson. Hon. A. McFarlane was nominated as member of Central Board.

C. J. McFARLANE, *Sec'y.*

#### BOULARDERIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Little Bras d'Or, Dec. 8th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—The annual meeting of the Boularderie Agricultural Society was held in Grove's Point School house, Dec. 1st, 1874, in accordance with the act of encouragement of Agriculture. The minutes of last year's meetings were read and approved of.

##### RECEIPTS.

Dec. 8rd, '73, bal. in Treasurer's hands...	\$ 93 48
By members subscriptions, 1873.....	55 00
By Government Grant.....	106 00

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

To bill repairing Threshing Machine.....	23 50
" " of seeds received from Halifax....	40 00
" Secretary for Stationery.....	2 02
" Bills of Forks and Rakes.....	36 85
	\$102 97
	254 48

Total amount in hand of last years trea'y. \$151 51

The following office bearers was elected for the ensuing year:—*President*—Hugh McKinnon; *Vice-President*—Alex. Cordiner; *Secretary*—Samuel Stubbert; *Treasurer*—Hezekiah Stubbert. *Directors*—David Fleming, Arch. McKenzie, Robert Wayson, Philip McLeoud, John Edwards.

John Ross, M. P. P., was elected to represent the society at the Central Board of Agriculture.

The number of members is fifty-two, and their subscriptions are fifty-two dollars \$52.00.

We beg to submit the following remarks on the crops of 1874: Hay, over average crop and secured in good condition. Wheat, Barley, and Oats, over average, much better than last year. Potatoes a fair yield and of good quality. The root and fruit crops below an average.

SAMUEL STUBBERT, *Sec'y.*

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST CORNWALLIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30TH, 1874.

The Officers of your Society are again before you with their annual report, and are happy to say that, for the most part, the plans you have adopted have been successful in promoting the interests

of Agriculture and the welfare of the Society.

We are still able to report that the stock sired by the "Major Roland," gives increased sat. faction; being not only well shaped, but good sized, of gentle disposition, healthy and good feeders.

The "Duke of Greenwood," we are sorry to say, does not appear to have the same popularity as the "Major," his stock not being considered as well shaped, although larger and better coloured than that of the "Major." It cannot be denied that the "Duke" is a fine animal; but we must acknowledge that he has not become the general favorite, that the high price paid for him caused us to anticipate. With due allowance for differences of opinion, we think the society has good reason to congratulate itself upon having two as good stock raising animals as can be procured without heavy expense.

**CROPS.**—Hay is above average, of good quality and secured in excellent order. Oats—a good crop and largely sown. Wheat—but little sown, some good yields. Barley—fully an average yield. Rye—but little sown in this section. Buckwheat—a good crop; but not sown largely. Pease—a fair crop; but not generally sown. Potatoes—below average and not very sound. Indian Corn almost a total failure. Beets, Turnips and garden vegetables an average. Apples almost a total failure. Pears—but little grown.

The following are the names of the Officers chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:—*President*—George W. Kinsman; *Vice-President*—William H. Skinner; *Secretary*—Matthew Fisher. *Directors*—F. H. Parker, Edmund Calkins, Charles Parker, Charles McGregor, James A. Cox. George W. Fisher was elected by the Society as their representative to the Central Board of Agriculture.

Account of receipts of the West Cornwallis Agricultural Society, for the year ending Nov. 30, 1874.

Mar. 25.—Amount of Provincial Grant, less 4.00 for Journals.....	\$ 92 15
Amount of fees for membership.....	95 00
Dec. 17.—Amount of dues for services of stock to date.....	40 00
Amount paid Secretary over receipts.....	1 00
	\$228 25

##### CONTRA, EXPENDITURES.

1874.

Nov. 30.—Amount paid for keeping stock...	\$195 00
Sec'y salary, \$3.00, Postage, &c.	8 44
Interest on hired money.....	8 75
Hand-bills and incidental expenses.....	15 86
	\$228 15

Somerset, Dec. 24th, 1874.

#### REPORT OF UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, OF PUGWASH.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held according to law.

The accounts audited. Balance in

hands of Treasurer, \$58.02, due the Society but not collected, \$3.40. The Society in Oct. last sold the Grade Durham Bull, but still retains the Grade Devon Bull. The reason that the funds of the Society were not used in purchasing stock, in the past year, was that the Society intends the coming spring to purchase some pure bred stock, which is expected to draw pretty heavily on the funds of the Society.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—*President*—Richmond McCurdy; *Vice-President*—Hugh McDonald; *Secretary*—Thos. A. Fraser; *Treasurer*—John Stewart. *Directors*—Wm. A. Black, J. S. Chisholm, Simon Fraser, Wm. Gilderdson, and Alex. Morri-Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, was nominated as a suitable person for appointment to the Central Board for District No. 4.

THOMAS A. FRASER, *Sec'y.*

#### GUYSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture.

SIR,—We beg leave to submit our annual report of the proceedings of the Guysborough Agricultural Society for the year ended Dec. 1st, 1874. Our subscription list, already forwarded, shews an increase of seven members who have paid up their subscription into the hands of the Treasurer, and hope that next year, we may report a further increase.

The annual meeting of the Guysborough Agricultural Society was held in the Court-house, Guysborough, on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, in accordance with the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture. The President in the Chair. Report and proceedings of the officers for the past year, read and approved. The Treasurer's account was approved and passed, shewing a balance in his hands of \$28.68, and also amount due by members of \$18.77, as per account herewith forwarded. The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year, when the following persons were unanimously elected:—*President*—Godfrey Peart; *Vice-President*—Edward Dillin; *Secretary and Treasurer*—Wm. Hutchinson. *Directors*—William DesBarres, George Scott, Whitfield Scott, Abner Hart and Robert Johnston.

The Secretary than read a communication received from George Lawson, Esq., respecting the nomination of a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously, that George Cummings, Esq., Upper South River, Co. of Antigonish, be nominated as a suitable person for appointment to the Central Board for District No. 5. In reference to the several crops, we beg leave to re-

port that in this Section of the County. Hay was above an average crop. Wheat very poor, owing in a great measure to the very wet and cold weather the first part of June—when about one third of the seed perished in the ground. Oats about an average crop, although a very heavy growth of straw. Barley but little sown. Buckwheat about an average crop; Potatoes were over an average crop, and of excellent quality, in some localities they were very much effected with the rot, after they were cellared. Turnips below an average crop, though not much cultivated. All kinds of fruit in this County were a total failure.

The Durham Bull and Leicester rams purchased by the Society last fall in P. E. Island, have turned out well, and proved to be a good investment of the Society's funds. The farmers in this part of the County are beginning to manifest an earnest desire for the improvement of sheep as well as neat cattle. It is our intention to devote our available funds next year to the further importation of neat stock.

We hope at the next Provincial Agricultural Exhibition that this County will be better represented, and that the Central Board will make some provision whereby the farmers of the Eastern Counties may be enabled to forward their stock and produce for competition, without incurring expenses, which would amount to more than the value of them.

We remain,

Your obedt. servants,  
GODFREY S. PEART, *Pres.*  
WM. HUTCHINSON, *Sec'y.*

Guysboro', Dec. 17th., 1874.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Guysborough Agricultural Society, for the year ended Dec. 1st, 1874.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from Central Board, Prov. Grant...	\$ 78 00
" from members for sale of seeds, &c...	50 15
" from 48 members subscription, at \$1.00 each.....	48 00
" for services of Society's Bull.....	16 00
	\$102 15
Bals. in hand of Treasurer .....	\$ 28 68
" amount due by members for seeds on per notes of hand.....	18 77
	\$ 47 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid balance due by Society per account..	\$ 16 98
" for wintering Bull 6 months.....	28 61
" for seeds, &c.....	61 24
" for keeping and attending Bull from March 1st to Dec. 1st.....	49 75
" paid expenses of Society, &c.....	15 29
" balance in hands of Treasurer.....	28 68
	\$192 15

GODFREY S. PEART, *Pres.*  
WM. HUTCHINSON, *Sec'y. & Treas.*  
Guysborough, Dec., 1874.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To Dr. Lawson:

REPORT FOR 1873.

SIR,—In making a return of the expenditure of funds in our Society for the past year

we have nothing very particular to note, for in consequence of a purchase of three bulls, and a quantity of grass seeds previous to the past year, our Society was run into debt, consequently the amount in fund for expenditure (after the payment of said debt) was small, not sufficient to warrant the Society in offering prizes, or the purchase of improved stock. And therefore all the available funds of the Society were laid out in the purchase of Northern clover seed and barley.

And this we certify at Upper Musquodoboit, the 1st day of December, 1873.

DAVID ARCHIBALD, *Sec'y.*  
THOMAS A. PARKER, *Pres.*

The annual meeting of the Upper Musquodoboit Agricultural Society was held in the Debating house, on the 2nd day of December, 1873, at which meeting the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:

*Pres.*—Thomas A. Parker; *Vice-Pres.*—John Geddes; *Sec. and Treas.*—David Archibald. *Directors.*—David Kent, James Reynolds, Wm. Horton.

The officers elected resolved unanimously to nominate J. J. Northup Esq., Society's representative at Central Board.

The Agricultural Society of Upper Musquodoboit at its last meeting voted the sum of twenty dollars towards the funds of the Exhibition, to be held in the City of Halifax, in October, 1874.

DAVID ARCHIBALD, *Secretary.*

EGERTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CO. PICTOU.

The annual meeting of the Egerton Agricultural Society, was held in the School House, East Branch East River, on Tuesday, the 1st Dec., the President in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting being read and approved, the accounts were then read and approved.

The following office-bearers were then appointed for the current year:—*President*—Robert McNaughton; *Vice-President*—Alex. R. Grant; *Treasurer*—Thomas Grant; *Secretary*—Peter J. Grant. *Directors*—William McGilvery, Joseph M. Kay, Joseph H. Grant, John McKay, and Alex. J. McKay. To be a member of Central Board of Agriculture, David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

The accounts are as follows:—  
By balance in Treasurer's hands since last year.....\$123 61  
" interest on do ..... 2 65

To paid for Bull "Captain Jenks," \$100 00  
Expenses for do. from Truro..... 1 50  
" Joseph H. Grant, expenses 3 00  
" R. McConnell for printing. 1 35  
" Feeding Bull to Dec. 1st .. 15 00  
" Secretary fee..... 3 00 123 85

By balance..... 2 41  
By members subscriptions for 1874..... 75 50

Balance in Treasurer's hands..... \$77 91  
PETER J. GRANT, *Sec'y.*  
ROBERT MCNAUGHTON, *Pres.*

ANNAPOLIS AGRI. SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Annapolis Agricultural Society was held to-

day, in accordance with the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

The President occupied the chair, and at once called the meeting to order, and requested that the minutes of the former meetings for the past year be read, whereupon the Secretary read the minutes as directed, which were approved and passed. The Rev. W. G. Gray, E. E. McDermid, and John H. Pineo, were appointed an auditing committee. After examining the Accounts they reported that they were correct, and properly vouched—that there was in the hands of the Treasurer \$10.

Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—*President.*—Geo. Whitman; *Vice-Pres.*—James Horsfall; *Treas.*—Alex. Harris; *Sec'y.*—Stathern Bailey. *Directors.*—Rev. W. S. Gray, J. M. Harris, J. H. Pineo, Charles Whitman, Wm. C. Hardy, Col. Wm. E. Starratt was selected as the representative of this Society to the Central Board. The Society for the past year have 81 paid up members at \$1 per year membership fee. The Society have purchased within the last year one thorough-bred Chester White Boar, at a cost of \$40 purchase price and expenses \$5, making \$45. Also from Hugh McMonagle, Esq., of Sussex Corner, Kings Co., N. B., two yearling rams at \$12 each; two yearling ewes at \$10 each, and one ram lamb at \$8, all pure bred Leicesters. Expenses on the same, from Sussex Corner to Annapolis by rail and steamer, \$3.86, making the total cost to the Society \$55.86. The President purchased for the Society at the Provincial Exhibition in Halifax, last October, one pure bred South Down Ewe at a cost of \$14, and one ram lamb of the same breed at a cost of \$10. Expenses on the same \$2.12, making the total cost to the Society \$26.12. The above stock was sold at public auction after being duly advertised, the purchaser to give bonds to keep them within the limits of the Society for breeding purposes for not less than two years. The boar was purchased by Andrew Le Cain of Rosette, at \$36.50. The sheep were purchased by parties in Round Hill and Rosette, except the Leicester ram lamb, which was purchased by C. B. Whitman, Esq., the purchase price of the lot of sheep only amounting to \$42.40. The Society own two bulls, viz., the thorough-bred Short Horn Durham "General Grant," took first prize in his class at the Provincial Exhibition last October, and the Alderney and Ayrshire bull "General," got by the Society from Nathaniel Spence, Esq., of St. Croix, Hants Co., in exchange for the Society's Short Horn Durham bull "Charles the 1st." The two bulls now owned by the Society were let to the lowest bidder to be kept under the supervision of the Committee for one year, commencing Dec. the 1st. The Durham Bull "General Grant" was bid off by Wm. M. Bailey of Round Hill at \$110 for the year; the bull "General" was bid off by George Hardwick, near Annapolis, at \$100 for the same term. The services of both bulls to be \$1 for each cow served belonging to members, and \$2 for each cow served belonging to non-members.

It was moved by James Horsfall, Esq., seconded by J. M. Harris, Esq., that the general committee be empowered to import seeds for the members of the Society, and that they ascertain from each member what seed they may require, and that the Society



charge them cost and charges for what they order. Passed unanimously.

Notice was given the collectors for the current year to have all moneys collected and paid in, in time for the Treasurer and Secretary to have their books balanced one week before the next annual meeting, as from the late date they are in the habit of paying in their collections, it is impossible for the Treasurer and Secretary to fully make up their books, so as to make as full a report of the proceedings of the Society as they would desire.

STATHERN BAILEY, Sec'y.  
Annapolis, Dec. 1, 1874.

### SHUBENACADIE AGRI. SOCIETY.

Report of the Auditing Committee of the Shubenacadie Agri. Society.

We your Committee beg leave to report as follows, viz :

We have examined the accounts of the managing committee, the Treasurer's account and the books of the Society, find them correct, and as follows :

We find the Society owed the managing Committee, at the annual meeting of 1873, \$146.37.

Treasurer received since from 40 members.....	\$40 00
From railway depot for ram killed by railway.....	32 00
For bull sold to S. Frame.....	35 00
For prize on Ayrshire bull.....	15 00
For provincial grant of 1873.....	38 19
	\$150 19
Further we find the committee paid for bullring.....	\$ 50
Sundry expenses.....	9 00
To John McDonald for expenses of bull to Exhibition.....	11 17
	20 67

In hands of Committee.....\$133 52  
Shubenacadie, Dec. 1st, 1874.

The bulls belonging to our Society, namely, Durham "Duke of Cardwell," Ayrshire "Bangor Duke," are to be kept free of expense to the society, and for its use for one year. Passed by resolution, that Mr. Wm. Blair, of Onslow, Colchester Co., be recommended to fill the vacancy in the Central Board of Agriculture.

Hay was above an average crop this season. Grain an average. Roots of all kinds poor, and potatoes almost a failure in some places.

DAVID MOORE, Secretary.  
Shubenacadie, Dec. 28th, 1874.

### AYLESFORD AGRI. SOCIETY.

Aylesford, Dec. 1st, 1874.

The annual meeting of Aylesford Agricultural Society was held in the Dampsey corner schoolhouse, on Tuesday, the 1st of December, Johnson E. Patterson, Esq. in the chair.

The Directors report the financial state of the Society as follows :

Paid for keeping bulls the winter term.....	\$66 50
Do. for summer term.....	90 00
For purchase of stock.....	40 00
Sundry other items.....	4 00
	\$201 00
Receipts for services of bulls past summer.....	\$50 00
For the ensuing year 59 members.....	65 00
	\$109 00
	\$ 92 50

On account of not drawing last year's grant we are in debt ninety-two dollars and fifty-cents.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*President*.—Johnson E. Patterson; *Vice-Pres.*—Leonard Fitch; *Treasurer*.—Eugene Fitch; *Sec'y.*—F. A. McMahon. *Directors*.—Samuel Bowlby, Wilsby Parker, Nelson Patterson, Ingerson Patterson, Augustus Wallis. *Auditors*.—Jas. Patterson, Edward Bremman, Charles Taylor, Esqs.

The estimate of the crops in this vicinity may be classed as follows:—Hay, very good. Potatoes, about an average. Wheat, very good, the most raised for some years. Oats abundant. Barley and buckwheat, fair. Corn, like turnips, an average. Apples, abundant.—We think there is a great mistake in not sowing more wheat.

F. A. McMAHON, Sec'y.  
Aylesford, Dec. 14th, 1874.

### MORRISTOWN AGRI. SOCIETY, CO. ANTIGONISH.

Held annual meeting, Dec. 1st, 1874, at Archibald McGillivray's store. Statement of funds for ensuing year 1875 :

Society funds on hand, including 70 subscriptions amounting to \$94, an increase of 19 members over 1874, and cash to amount of \$21 more than 1874, total funds declared by examining committee.....	\$134 84
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Dr.	
Bill presented for purchase of bull from Mr. Longworth, P. E. I., and expenses here.....	\$63 81
Donald McDonald for extra feed to Bull William.....	5 00
Alex. Chisholm, Secretary, postage..	25
	\$ 69 09
	\$ 65 73

R. Trotter's executors have to file account of summering gone bull, also Geo. Wilkie, Cape George, of keeping a second one, both the accounts not presented will amount to about \$35.00.

Stock on hand paid for in full. Bull marked in herd book "William," cost \$99.75. No pedigree. Imported from Canada last Provincial importation, and David McNair Cape George purchased him, he has proved a failure; second bull, one year and seven months old, purchased this fall from Mr. Longworth, P. E. I., no pedigree, cost \$63.81. Claimed to be very fine by Mr. Longworth; third and fourth, two bulls purchased in this county, sired by a grade Durham Bull bought in Shubenacadie three years ago by 12 men, dam's common stock of this county. Those two bulls cost \$72. Total purchase cost of all four bulls \$ 35.56. The three last mentioned bulls are fair animals for the class they belong to, but in my opinion, where Societies draw Government grants, they should be strictly enjoined to purchase thorough-bred. Having no thorough-bred heifers, stock deteriorates very fast even to purchase the highest class bulls that can be found.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*.—Robert McDonald, Cape George; *Vice-President*.—John C. McDonald; *Treasurer*.—A. McGillivray; *Secretary*.—Geo. G. Henry. *Directors*.—D. McNair, David Sinclair, Malcom McGillivray, Allan Smith, Moses Summers. Representative to Agricultural Board, Geo. G. Henry.

#### CROPS.

Hay, staple article of production of this county and of the very richest quality, a very

abundant crop, in haymaking time only worth \$6 to \$7 per 2000 lb., abundance to be had now for \$8: But speculation completely discouraged here in hay as any county not supplied with marsh mud or mineral manures, cannot export hay and improve in farm culture. I unhesitatingly state that this county has the richest manures, is the best watered, and not second to any other in this province. Wheat, last season grew and filled well, but very little compared with 8 or 10 years. Farmers have failed to trust providential guidance in blessing their labours. Oats, good average crops in quantity and quality. Potatoes below average, and quite a quantity rotted after digging. Buckwheat, very little grown in this county. Turnips, medium. Beets, carrots, and parsnips, good growth, but only cultivated for home use, none for exportation.

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Wellington Station, I. C. R.

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Wellington Tannery, Nov. 10th, 1874.

### To the Presidents of Agricultural Societies, &c.

In accordance with the strongly expressed wish of the Central Board of Agriculture, the Proprietors of the Wellington Tannery have purchased the Bone Mill formerly owned and worked by the late Mr. Stanford, and propose to manufacture both half inch and fine ground Bone, in order to supply the demand for this much needed and very valuable manure.

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