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VICE PRESIDENTS,

**HUGH MONTGOMERY & ADAM FERGUSON,
ESQUIRES.**

COMMITTEE,

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM HAMILTON,
DONALD STEWART,
THOMAS MURRAY, CHARLES McALISTER,
JOHN McCORMICK, ESQUIRES.**

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

DUGALD STEWART, ESQUIRE.

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The period having again arrived when your Agricultural Board are required to render an account of their stewardship, they beg leave to submit the following Report of their Proceedings during the past year. They regret that it has been one of disappointment, as respects the importation of Stock, in consequence of the only vessel from the neighbourhood of the place where the large English Sheep had been formerly got, sailing too early on both voyages; the first was unusually so, and considered too great a risk—and the second took place before the grasses and vegetables had arrived at a state of sufficient maturity to furnish suitable provender for the voyage; consequently those Sheep ordered were not shipped, but are ready for the first safe conveyance.

In respect of the Horse, your Committee viewed the resolution of the Legislature as so vague, uncertain, and incurring so heavy a pecuniary responsibility, that they deemed it most prudent to decline importing via St John, with those intended for other Agricultural Societies in that neighbourhood; but preferred instituting enquiries, in order to obtain the best possible information as to where the most suitable animal was to be obtained, and the readiest way of purchasing and transporting him hither direct — They had too at the same time, a prospect of getting a Norman-

	Second Peas, No. 36, 64½lbs. to Robert Blair,	£0 5 0
	Best Timothy Seed, No. 26, 48½lbs. to H. Montgomery,	0 10 0
	Second ditto, No. 40, 48½lbs. to Robert Blair,	0 7 6
	Best Clover Seed, No. 8, 65½lbs. to John M'Lean,	0 15 0
	Second ditto, No. 50, 63½lbs. to Donald M'Millan,	0 10 0
	Best Turnip Seed, to John Robertson,	0 5 0
	Second ditto, to ditto,	0 2 6
	Best Hops, to John Ferguson, Athol House,	0 5 0
	Best Butter, to Mrs. Hamilton, Dalhousie,	0 10 0
	Second ditto, to John Murchy,	0 7 6
	Best Cheese, to Mrs. Dugald Stewart,	0 7 6
	Second ditto, to Donald M'Millan,	0 5 0
	Best Candles, to John Ferguson, Athol House,	0 7 6
	Second ditto, Mrs. Hamilton, Dalhousie,	0 5 0
	Best Soap, Mrs. Hugh Montgomery,	0 7 6
	Second ditto, Mrs. Dugald Stewart,	0 5 0
	Best show of Vegetables, to Charles Stewart	0 7 6
	Second ditto, to John Murchy,	0 5 0
	Best Homespun Cloth, all wool, to Donald Fraser,	0 10 0
	Second ditto, to John Murchy,	0 7 6
	Third ditto, to James M. Millan,	0 5 0
	Best ditto, cotton and wool, to W. Hamilton, R. Charles,	0 7 6
	Best Tartan, ditto, to Charles M'Alister,	0 10 0
	Best Plaiding for drawers, to John Murchy,	0 10 0
	Second ditto, to John Murchy, (2nd)	0 7 6
	Best ditto, cotton and wool, to Hugh Montgomery,	0 5 0
	Best Flannel, all wool, to Paul Devereux,	0 7 6
	Best Shawl, to Joseph Pratt	0 7 6
	Best Plaids, to William Hamilton	0 7 6
	Second ditto, to Robert Hervie	0 5 0
	Best Counterpane, to Alexander Cook	0 7 6
	Second ditto, to John Hamilton	0 5 0
	Best Blanket, to John M'Cormick	0 10 0
	Second ditto, to Paul Devereux,	0 7 6
	Best Stockings, to John Ferguson, Athol House,	0 7 6
	Second ditto, to Paul Devereux,	0 5 0
	Best Socks, to John Ferguson, Athol House,	0 5 0

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Second Stockings, to John Murchy	£2 2 6
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For Fanners, to Donald M'Millan	0 15 0
For a Turnip Sower, to James Scott	0 5 0
For a Plough, to Edward Gordon	0 5 0
For Bagging, to John Murchy	0 5 0
Amounting to £18 10 0	

THE CATTLE SHOWS followed in their turn, and commenced at Campbeltown, on the 3rd of October, when Premiums were given, viz.—

For the best Stallion, to Thomas Murray	£2 0 0	Best
Best Brood Mare and Foal, to J. Christopher	1 0 0	Best
Best three year old Horse, to Hector M'Lean	0 15 0	Best
Best three year old Filly, to Thomas Barclay	0 15 0	Best
Best two years old ditto, to Charles Gallagher	0 10 0	Sec
Best year old ditto, to Joseph Miller	0 7 6	Thi
Best Bull, to David Ritchie	2 10 0	Best
Best three years old ditto, to Thomas Murray	1 15 0	Best
Best year old ditto, to Andrew Murray	0 10 0	Best
Best Calf, to David Duncan	0 5 0	Best
Best Milch Cow, to David Ritchie	0 12 6	Best
Second ditto, to Andrew Murray	0 10 0	Best
Third ditto, to James Gerrard	0 7 6	Best
Best two years old Heifer, to Malcolm Fatterson	0 10 0	Best
Best year old ditto, to David Ritchie	0 7 6	Best
Best Calf, to John Ferguson	0 5 0	Best
Best three years old Ram, to Robert Adams	0 13 0	Best
Best two year old ditto, to John Duncan	0 10 0	Best
Best year old ditto, to Thomas Murray	0 7 6	Best
Best Lamb to John Duncan	0 5 0	Sec
Best three years old Ewe, to John Duncan	0 12 6	Best
Best two years old ditto, to ditto,	0 10 0	Sec
Best year old ditto, to ditto	0 7 6	
Best Lamb, to William Duncan	0 5 0	
Best Pen of Six Ewes, to John Ferguson	0 17 6	As
Best Pear, to Thomas Murray	0 15 0	as ft

Best Brood Sow, to John Ferguson	£0 15 0
Second ditto, to James Christopher	0 10 0

Amounting to £19 10 0

Continued at Dalhousie, on the 4th, when the successful Competitors were:

For the best brood Mare & Foal, to Dugald Stewart	£1 0 0
Best three years old Filly, to Dr. Carter	0 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to John Robinson	0 10 0
Best year o'd ditto, to Robert Watson	0 7 6
Best three years old Bull, to P. & D. Stewart	1 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to Nathaniel Perrott	1 0 0
Best year old ditto, to William Hamilton	0 10 0
Best Calf, to ditto,	0 5 0
Best Milch Cow, to William Montgomery	0 12 6
Second ditto, to P. & D. Stewart	0 10 0
Third ditto, to Dugald Stewart	0 7 6
Best two years old Heifer, to ditto	0 10 0
Best year o'd ditto, to W. S. Smith	0 7 6
Best Calf, to William Hamilton	0 5 0
Best three years o'd Ram, to ditto	0 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to Dugald Stewart	0 10 0
Best year old ditto, to William Hamilton	0 7 6
Best Lamb, to P. & D. Stewart	0 5 0
Best three years old Ewe, to John Barberie	0 12 6
Best two years old ditto, to Dr. Carter	0 10 0
Best year old ditto, to William Hamilton	0 7 6
Best Lamb, to William Montgomery	0 5 0
Best Pen of Six Ewes, to William Hamilton	0 17 6
Best Boar, to ditto	0 15 0
Second ditto, to William Montgomery	0 10 0
Best brood Sow, to William Hamilton	0 15 0
Second ditto, to William M'Gregor	0 10 0

Amounting to £15 15 0

And at Colborne, on the 5th, when the Prizes were awarded as follows: viz.—

For the best Stallion, to Peter Connacher	£23 0 0
Best brood Mare and Colt, to Michael Shea	1 0 0
Best three years old Filly, to Paul Devereux	0 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to the Rev. A. M'Masters	0 10 0
Best year-old ditto, to Michael Shea	0 7 0
Best Bull, four years old, to Alexander M'Pherson	2 10 0
Best three years old ditto, to David M'Intosh	1 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to Paul Devereux	1 0 0
Best year old ditto, to George Dutch	0 10 0
Best Calf, to John M'Laughlin	0 5 0
Best Milch Cow, to Peter Hamilton	0 12 6
Second ditto, to John M'Cormick	0 10 0
Third ditto, to Charles M'Alister	0 7 6
Best two years old Heifer, to John Murchy	0 10 0
Best year old ditto, to Peter Hamilton	0 7 6
Best Calf, to Alexander M'Pherson	0 5 0
Best three years old Ram, to William Cook	0 15 0
Best two years old ditto, to John M'Cormick	0 10 0
Best year old ditto, to John Murchy	0 7 6
Best Lamb, to Donald M'Millan	0 5 0
Best three years old Ewe, to Alexander Cook	0 12 6
Best two year old ditto, to John M'Cormick	0 10 0
Best year old ditto, to John Murchy	0 7 6
Best Lamb, to Paul Devereux	0 5 0
Best Pen of Six Ewes, to ditto,	0 17 6
Best Bear, to ditto	0 15 0
Second ditto, to John M'Millan	0 10 0
Best brood Sow, to John Murchy	0 15 0
Second ditto, to Robert Connacher	0 10 0

Amounting to £20 0 5

THE PLOUGHING MATCH by following up the routine first adopted, fell to Dalhousie this season, and was held on the 7th of the same month, but it was the most ill-attended exhibition ever witnessed in the County, shewing a most deplorable lukewarmness that is truly discouraging. The Prizes were adjudged

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For the best Ploughman, to John Miller	£1 10 6
Second ditto, to William Douglas	1 5 0
Third ditto, to Donald M'Cormick	1 0 0

Amounting to £3 15 6

The revised Premium List published immediately after your last Annual Meeting, has had the desired effect in distributing more widely the funds of your Society, and has given general satisfaction, excepting in the sums named for the different samples of Clover Seed, which is thought by some too low to remunerate the producer for the extra cost of threshing and cleaning that article.

The Crops were all harvested and housed in good condition, and yield in most places a fair average, thereby remunerating the husbandman for his labour, which he has the more reason to be thankful to a bountiful Providence for, as many other parts of the Province have not been so highly favored. Your Committee have much pleasure in adding, that from the best information they can obtain, there is in this County an abundance of food for both man and beast; whilst the only grain imported the last season, appears by the Customs' returns, to be the unusual small quantity of 6500 bushels of oats for lumbering purposes.

Since your last Annual Meeting, two additional Grist and Out Mills with Kils have been erected, and in successful operation, affording increased facilities to the farmer for converting his grain into bread-stuff. Mr. ALAN VAUGHAN, one of the proprietors, has given in a memorandum, containing a very gratifying account of the superior quality of the grain grown in the lower Parishes; he states, that $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat lately brought to the mill by Mr. JAMES O'NEIL, produced 232lbs. of flour equal to the best Canadian brand, and 44lbs. of seconds, besides bran; that several other samples were of a like quality, one, superior, and that it is not uncommon to produce 22lbs. of meal per bushel of oats, besides seeds, &c.

The Justices of the Peace at their General Sessions last January, ruled "That no bull be allowed to run at large, except these

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approved by your Secretary." He, in consequence, was directed to purchase a thorough-bred Ayrshire three year old from Mr. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, and to turn him loose for the use of the public. The animal proves very quiet and harmless, and his winter's feed was let by auction, with the intention of leaving him the next season in the Parish; he is wintered by Mr. ROBERT WATSON, and has him now in charge.

Your Accounts having been audited, show a gross balance of 181£. 18s. 2½d. including outstanding debts, amongst which are bad and doubtful, that have been accumulating since the formation of your Society, to the amount of 68£. 10s. 0d, which being deducted from the balance of last year, under the old regime, will leave a reliable balance of 68£. 8s. 2½d. in favour of your Society. The stock of Seeds are in good condition, and will afford a sufficient quantity for early sowing; a full supply is expected in the spring, as heretofore.

Your Committee continue to urge the necessity of erecting a Market-House, for the sale and safe keeping of your agricultural produce. The want of such a building is acknowledged by all, and none experience greater inconvenience than the agriculturist and mechanic.

By Order,

DUGALD STEWART,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Ordered—That the Report submitted, be received and published.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Meeting are due, and are hereby given to the Office-Bearers of the past year.

The President having retired, the HIGH SHERIFF was placed in the Chair, when it was resolved unanimously,

That ANDREW BARRERIE be re-elected President.

HUGH MONTGOMERY and ADAM FERGUSON, Vice-Presidents.

THOMAS MURRAY, *Addington*—**CHARLES M'ALISTER**, *Durham*—**JOHN M'CORMICK**, *Colborne*—**DONALD STEWART** and **WILLIAM HAMILTON**, *Dalhousie*, be the Committee.

That **DUGALD STEWART** be Secretary and Treasurer.

Resolved—That the Premiums for Clover Seed be increased to 30s. for the best sample, 20s. for the second, and 15s. for the third; also for Timothy Seed, 15s. for the first, 10s. for the second, and for the third sample 7s. 6d.

That the Normandy Percheron Horse is the favorite.

Ordered—That the Board do import the ensuing season, in addition to their former order, three pairs of Cheviot Sheep and a pair of Leicesters.

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THE ANNUAL SHOW

FOR

Grain and Domestic Manufactures,

WILL BE HELD

IN THE COURT-HOUSE, DALHOUSIE,

On Tuesday the 30th of March,

*Premiums the same as last year, excepting for Clover and
Timothy Seed. (see Minutes.)*

TO COMMENCE AT TEN O'CLOCK PRECISELY.

A VARIETY OF

GARDEN & FIELD SEEDS

FOR SALE

AT THE AGRICULTURAL DEPOT,

DALHOUSIE.

ALSO,

A Cheese Press, Pinions for Threshing-
Mills, and Wilkie's Plough Mountings.

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