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EARLY in the year we suffered the serious loss of Joseph J. Northup, President of the Central Board of Agriculture. And now, ere its close, we have to add, with regret and sorrow, another distinguished name to the Roll of the Great Majority—that of his worthy successor in office, the Hon. RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, who died at the age of 73.

Mr. McHeffey was well known in the Province, and, indeed, throughout the Dominion, as a prominent Member of the Local Government and of the Legislative Council. But some of his best qualities, as a wise counsellor, and an honest, warm-hearted man, with the genuine spirit and bearing of an English gentleman, could be fully known only to those who came into personal contact with him. Himself an excellent practical farmer, who, in his younger days, could hold a plough with any Scotchman, he was likewise the son of an able and successful farmer, and the grandson of John Clarke, whom we have heard spoken of as one of the best agriculturists that ever set foot on a Nova Scotia field. Mr. McHeffey had thus various and strong claims upon the respect and affections of Nova Scotian farmers, and we simply express a fact that is widely known when we say that his selection to the Presidency of the Agricultural Board gave universal satisfaction. We need hardly add that in the Board itself he was highly respected, and enjoyed the confidence of every Member.

As a gentleman farmer, unostentatious in his habits, Mr. McHeffey spent a life of quiet usefulness on his patrimonial estate at Windsor, leaving it only for a time, like the Roman of old, when the exigency of public affairs called him away to assist in the business of the State. He had the genuine spirit of the country gentleman, and was known from early youth to have a keen sense of honour.

We might dwell upon the good qualities of head and heart of our deceased friend. But we would rather refer to some of the substantial services which he rendered to the farmers of Nova Scotia. Some twenty years ago he was deputed, along with one of his former neighbours—now an old and respected gentleman who is everywhere revered by Nova Scotia farmers—John Northup, (the father of our former President and of the Hon. Senator Northup,)—to travel through the Northern States and Western Canada to see what animals could be obtained for the improvement of our live stock in Nova Scotia. One special object was to obtain an improved breed of sheep, and they scoured the New England States without success. They were told at Albany, the great Agricultural centre of the north, that no animals could be purchased in the States that were worth importing, and were recommended to try Western Canada. They accordingly proceeded to London, Paris, Galt Brantford, and ultimately succeeded in obtaining a small flock of Leicester, which were then scarce even in

Canada. This importation laid the foundation of the modern improvement of sheep in Nova Scotia, and the progeny of these animals still exist at Newport. Visiting Niagara on their way, Messrs. McHeffey and Northup drew into the service the late Judge Campbell, Mr. McHeffey's cousin, well known by his efforts in promoting fruit culture at a time when there were few orchards in Ontario, and no Fruit Growers' Associations on this Continent. After examining some hundreds of entire Horses, all through their devious routes of travel, they succeeded finally in purchasing ten suitable animals, five in New York, one at the Quebec Exhibition, one at Montreal, one in New Hampshire and one in Vermont. The labour and anxiety of bringing all these Horses safely to Halifax at a time when means of communication were so much less perfect than now, can be estimated only by those who have had such a charge on their hands in a strange country among strangers. But they were all safely landed, after many a hairbreadth escape. Several of them, Napoleon, St. Lawrence, the Shearman Morgan, and the Green Mountain Morgan, are still remembered with satisfaction by many of our farmers, and their progeny are widely scattered throughout Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Two years later, Messrs. McHeffey and John Northup were again called upon to make a selection of stock, this time—of sheep. The animals were chiefly obtained from the Millers at Pickering and Mark-

ham, and consisted of between 80 and 90 Leicesters and one Cotswold. A third importation of Cattle, Horses, and Sheep, was made by Hon. Samuel Chipman and Mr. John Northup about 1857, including, among the Horses, Green Mountain Boy.

In later years, under the direction of the present Agricultural Board, revived and re-organized in 1864, and of which he was throughout an active and most useful Member, Mr. McHefsey, accompanied by Messrs. J. J. Northup and Lawson, selected a large number of thorough-bred Cattle and Sheep in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This was one of the most valuable importations ever brought into the Province, and several of the animals, together with their progeny, bore red tickets at the recent Provincial Exhibition.

We have referred briefly, and as accurately as our imperfect acquaintance with past events in Nova Scotia permits, to some of the public work done by Mr. McHefsey in the interest of his brother farmers. Of his usefulness in wider spheres it is not necessary for us to speak. In the various relations of life he was esteemed, respected and beloved, and his memory will long be cherished not only in and around Windsor, where his manly form was so familiar, but wherever he was known.

J. B. BOWSER, Esq., a Short Horn Breeder at Grand Pre, King's County, writes to us:—"An importation of superior thorough-bred Short Horn Stock would be very desirable, as soon as possible. I am glad to have an intimation that the Central Board have the matter in consideration." This reference is made, we presume, to the discussion that took place at the Halifax County Society's recent meeting, when the Chairman called attention to the necessity of a higher class of thorough-bred stock than any we have as yet imported.

We have received the following Communication from Colonel Laurie, and desire to call the attention of the officers of Agricultural Societies to its contents:—

OAKFIELD, Dec. 5th, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—

I send you the pedigrees and particulars of two more Devon Calves,—please enter them in the Herd Book, and send me the certificates at your convenience. Will you kindly mention in your next

issue of the *Journal*, that any persons wishing to purchase thorough-bred Devon stock, can now obtain them from me. I have now 16 head, and my object is not so much to accumulate a large herd as to maintain the stock pure, and spread thorough-bred cattle throughout the Province. It appears to me it is high time that we depended more on the stock raised in the Province and less on importations, and when we do go outside it should not be for ordinary pedigree cattle; we already have a good many of these amongst us; but for something really choice, that will give a higher standard to our herds. I want to see more of our farmers form thorough-bred herds, and home-bred cattle should receive more encouragement; this would lead to a higher style of farming amongst us.

Yours truly,

G. WIMBURN LAURIE.

A NEW SOCIETY IN PICTOU CO.

At a meeting of inhabitants of Mill Brook and vicinity, in the County of Pictou, held this day, Dec. 1st, 1874, in the School house, for the purpose of forming an agricultural Society, (instead of the Gairloch Agricultural Society which has ceased to exist) 36 persons were present.

Kenneth Ross, Esq., in the chair. Alexander McKay, Esq., M. P. P., Secretary. Resolved, That this meeting do proceed to form an Agricultural Society, to be called the Mill Brook Agricultural Society.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—Alexander McKay; Vice-Pres.—Kenneth Ross; Treas.—James McKay; Sec.—Alex. Ross. Directors.—John Sutherland, John McKay, Wm. Munroe, Fergus Fergusson, and Angus McLeod. David Matheson, Esq., Representative to Central Board.

MILL BROOK, PICTOU CO., Dec. 8, 1874.

SIR,—The Gairloch Agricultural Society having ceased to exist, we would very respectfully ask of your Board to be recognized as one of the Agricultural Societies of the County in its stead, ours to be called the "Mill Brook" Agricultural Society.

Enclosed herewith you will find the subscription list signed by fifty members, each of whom has paid the sum of one dollar as their annual dues, also the office-bearers for ensuing year.

By having the application brought before the Board, and if possible obtain their consent to our request, you will confer a great favour on the subscribers to the Declaration.

Yours, &c.,

ALEXANDER ROSS,
Sec'y Mill Brook Agricultural Society, via
Glengarry.

A letter has also been received from D. Matheson, Esq., member of the Board, who recommends the recognition of the new Society. The Rev. N. Brodie likewise expresses himself as satisfied that the new Society will work better than the old one.

A CAUTION TO A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR.

At the Shropshire (England) Quarter Sessions, Oct. 21, John Titley was indicted with obtaining by false pretences, on August 27, the sum of 37s. in prizes from the Shifnal Cottagers' Horticultural Society. The prisoner had represented to the Secretary that he lived at Gorsey within 4 miles of Shifnal, to which distance the operations of the Society were confined, and he was accordingly allowed to compete in vegetables, flowers and fruits. The prisoner obtained prizes to the extent of thirty-seven shillings. The Secretary visited Gorsey Bank, and ascertained that the prisoner did not reside there, but beyond the four mile line; he examined the fruit, flowers and vegetables in the prisoner's garden, and found that they were of a totally different and inferior character to those which obtained the prizes. The prisoner subsequently refunded the money. He had been led into the nefarious transaction by a gardener in the neighbourhood, who had supplied the articles and received a portion of the prize money. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

EFFECTS OF TREES IN CITIES

We have received the second number of a new monthly periodical, "*The American Garden*," which promises to supply the Horticulturists and Florists on this side of the Atlantic with the garden news of the world in an intelligible and elegant form. The first article in the number is a fair sample of the way in which subjects are treated, and we extract it, not for this reason alone, but because it contains information that should be known by the citizens, and especially the rulers, of our own City of Halifax:—

The necessity, by means of proper sanitary regulations, of improving the health of the inhabitants of large towns and cities, and thus decreasing the death rate has, of late years, largely engaged the attention of medical men and the more enlightened of our citizens and legislators. To bring about improvement, Boards of Health have been established in most of our large cities, mostly composed of medical men, and frequently clothed with very arbitrary and plenary power to enforce the regulations they adopt. Authorized to make inquisitorial visits they go from

house to house, especially in the most thickly inhabited districts, and do much to prevent the overcrowding of tenement-houses, to secure proper ventilation and to enforce cleanliness in them, as well as personally on the part of their tenants. To have the streets properly swept, cleaned and kept free of foul odors, are also included among their duties. Being men educated to rely mainly on chemicals and drugs for obtaining desired results, they use large quantities of disinfectants to destroy the injurious and often deadly gases and malarious exhalations from the garbage and general debris incident to the crowding of large masses of people in cities. These disinfectants are highly useful in their way, but sanitary officers seem not to have observed another means at their command which, while it greatly assists in promoting the general good health of the inhabitants, would add to their comfort, and at the same time do much toward the adornment of the city. We allude to the planting of city streets with shade trees.

It is well known that trees absorb carbonic acid gas and give off oxygen, the first as injurious as the last is indispensable to animal life. Men and animals, on the contrary, absorb oxygen and give out large quantities of carbonic acid gas. When, therefore, we consider the immense amount of this gas given off from the lungs of the inhabitants—human and brute—of a large city, and the immense amount produced by the combustion of the fuel used in dwellings, factories and workshops, we may form some idea of the enormous vitiation of the atmosphere thus produced. Those who have given attention to the subject estimate that it requires more than two acres of forest to purify the air vitiated by every three inhabitants. According to this, a city of 60,000 inhabitants would require 40,000 acres of vegetation to take up the carbonic acid and other deleterious gases given off by its people. If it were not for the action of the wind in removing the atmosphere poisoned by the emanations from the city and replacing it with a purer atmosphere from the surrounding country, the city would soon become uninhabitable; but the winds have not such full sweep over cities, owing to the height of the buildings and other causes, as to thoroughly cleanse the atmosphere brooding over them. Hence the necessity of encouraging the growth of as much vegetation as possible within the limits of the cities themselves. So nearly exact is this estimate that we may regard it as demonstrating the necessity of large parks and squares in cities. But, through the growth of the city, land becomes too valuable to provide a sufficient area of parks and squares for such purposes. Resort must, therefore, be had to the streets themselves; and hence all streets not devoted to com-

mercial purposes should be planted with continuous rows of trees on either side. Paris now has so large a number of parks, and its streets and boulevards are so profusely planted with trees that, according to very reasonable estimates, the death rate has been thereby reduced from 1 in 34, as it formerly was, to 1 in 39 as it now is.

Added to the beneficial effects produced by these trees in the absorption of deleterious gases, is the shading of gutters and roadways, which materially retards and prevents the action of the sun in producing noxious fermentation. The roots of the trees also take up large quantities of such matters as are washed by the rains into the interstices of the pavements. In addition to these sanitary effects are the comforts derived from the shade of sidewalks. It is the glare of the sun upon these, when unprotected, which, during the tropical heat of summer, gives such an oven-like atmosphere to our streets and causes so many cases of exhaustion from heat and the often fatal sun-stroke. Last, though not least, the beauty of our cities would be greatly enhanced by this tree-planting; and walking in the streets during the hotter parts of the day would be made less wearying than it now is. In none of the cities of the United States has proper consideration been given by the authorities to this simple and not costly means of adding to the general comfort and health. Tompkins Square, in New York City, is an instance on the other hand of downright ignorance and stupidity in this respect. Situated in the most densely populated portion of the city; surrounded by tenements filled to repletion with artisans whose labors are carried on in their own rooms or in the close and confined atmosphere of neighboring factories, it has been almost entirely denuded of trees, and its surface covered with a cement pavement, which, on a hot summer's day, evolves a degree of heat only surpassed by the furnace spoken of in the Book of Daniel.

Another instance, in the same city, of ignorance among men from whom we would least expect it, is exhibited in regard to the sunken lots known as the Harlem Flats, extending from the Third avenue to the East River, and from 92nd street to 105th street. A large portion of these flats had been filled with garbage, ashes and other debris of the city, to a depth of several feet, the abominable and poisonous odors and gases arising from which proved unbearable. To put a stop to this filling, legal action by the Courts and the Board of Health was invoked, and the result was the application of injunctions and disinfectants, though with small effect. Planting this poisoned ground with sunflowers would have prevented the nuisance, while the crop of seeds would have more than repaid the

expense. The medical men who directed the disinfectant application were undoubtedly of high standing in their profession, but they knew little of botanical science or the practice of horticulture. Such instances show conclusively that Botany and Horticulture have their use in the every day needs of mankind and are not, the one merely a dry science, and the other an elegant amusement.

THE *Colonial Farmer*, of Fredericton, after giving a full account of the recent Annual Meeting of the Halifax County Agricultural Society, offers the following observations:—

We are glad to perceive that so great an interest is taken in Agricultural affairs in the sister Province; that gentlemen holding high positions in society and in the Civil Service do not consider it beneath their dignity to give their sympathy, and when necessary, more substantial aid, towards elevating and advancing this great interest. The improvement of the Stock of the country appears to be the great aim at present, and is indeed of the highest consideration, as without it, very little successful farming can be accomplished. The position which Prince Edward Island sustains to-day as a grain producing and Stock raising country, is largely due to the wise provision made by the Government for a Stock Farm, and although there are no direct returns or profits arising from it, still it has been the means of increasing the wealth of the country generally. The farmers of that favored Island have been able to secure at very little cost, the very best breeds of cattle, and the neighboring Provinces have looked towards it frequently as the source from which to replenish their Stock. The effect of all this is, that while Prince Edward Island proudly boasts of possessing better Stock than any of the other Maritime Provinces, many of the farmers are wealthy enough to enjoy some of the elegancies and luxuries of life, and thus return in the shape of taxes to the Treasury, a sum equal to that expended by the Government for the purchase of Stock, and in sustaining a Breeding Farm.

Mr. J. J. H. Gregory of Marblehead, Mass., has his annual advertisement in our columns. He was the original introducer of some of the best vegetables now found on every table. He comes this season with a new squash, and a number of tempting specialities, some of which are finely illustrated from engravings taken from photographs. The fact that so many of his varieties of seeds are of his own growing, is a golden fact for farmers and gardeners.

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HALIFAX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
Old Province Building,
Halifax, 1st Dec., 1874.

The annual general meeting of members of the Society was held to-day, in accordance with the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

The Secretary stated that the Hon. Sir Wm. Young was prevented by other public business from being present.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Duffus, Col. Laurie, V. P., took the chair. There were likewise present, George Madill, Esq., V. P., Judge Ritchie, Henry Yeomans, Esq., William Duffus, Esq., Col. Milsom, William Wardrop, Esq., Milford, A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., John Wickwire, Esq., Gay's River, Peter Ross, Esq., D. Henry Starr, Esq., Benjamin Bond, Esq., Gay's River, Dr. Lewis, W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer, Alexander Anderson, Esq., J. Chipman, Esq., W. J. Veith, Esq., Dutch Villago, Professor Lawson, Secretary, and others.

Minutes were read of the Halifax Peninsula Committee of 27th October, reporting that, in accordance with instructions from last general meeting of the Society, they had purchased the young Jersey bull, Lord Seafield, with attested pedigree, for \$150, and that the animal was now stationed at the stables of John Parker, Jr., Esq., where he was well cared for, and might be seen by members. This bull was imported from England by Alex. Anderson, Esq., and is a very superior animal, and will no doubt prove of great value to members. The fees for service were fixed at two dollars to members of the Society, and four dollars to others.

Messrs. Anderson, Duffus, Veith and Geldert were continued as a committee to make any necessary arrangements respecting the Society's live stock on the Peninsula.

W. C. Silver, Esq., Treasurer, presented the accounts for the past year. On motion of Mr. Duffus, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Anderson, were requested to audit the accounts, and they retired to do so.

Mr. Wardrop presented the Annual Report of the Gay's River and Milford Section of the Society, with the list of members who had paid their subscriptions for the year, and the accounts of income and expenditure in connection with the Ayrshire and Devon bulls, cow, heifer, and calf stationed in that district. 125 cows had been served by the Ayrshire bull, and 69 by the Devon bull.

Accounts for balances on expense of keep of animals in Gay's River district for the past year were passed as follows:

J. Wickwire.....	\$14 05
James Bowling.....	7 35
B Bond.....	42 80
H. L. Yeomans.....	20 00
W. Wardrop.....	12 00
Keys & Currie.....	14 00

\$111 70

Resolved.—That in future the fee for service of Bulls in the Gay's River and Milford Districts be One Dollar to Members of the Society,—the Local Committee to make such arrangement as may be deemed advisable with respect to persons outside the Society.

On motion of Dr. Lewis, it was resolved to bring the Ayrshire Bull Lord Lisgar to Halifax on 1st June, to remain to 1st August, also that the Halifax Committee be authorised to purchase another thorough-bred Ayrshire Bull for the Gay's River District. The Gay's River Committee were requested to make the best arrangement possible for the keep of Lord Lisgar during the winter; also to arrange with H. L. Yeomans, Esq., for keep of the Devon Bull.

Moved by Mr. Duffus that the thoroughbred Devon Cow Lady Margaret and her heifer be sold by public auction on Wednesday, 6th January, at two o'clock, at Richmond Depot. Passed. The Secretary was directed to advertise accordingly.

Henry Yeomans, Esq., moved that the thoroughbred Devon bull calf (now five months old) be sold at same time. Passed. Milford Committee to arrange for keep of the animals in the meantime, and for bringing them to Halifax on the day of sale.

Dr. Lewis presented the Auditors' report on the accounts, stating that they were correct and properly vouched, and that the balance in the Treasurer's hands amounted to \$507.34.

Office bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President—Hon. Sir Wm. Young, Kt., Chief Justice.

Vice-Presidents—Col. Laurie, Oakfield; Geo Madill, Esq., Gay's River.

Treasurer—W. C. Silver, Esq.

Secretary—Professor Lawson.

Directors for Peninsula of Halifax—Hon. Judge Ritchie, Peter Ross, Esq., Alex. Anderson, Esq., A. K. Mackinlay, Esq., Wm. J. Veith, Esq., Wm. Duffus, Esq., J. M. Geldert, Esq.

Directors for Gays' River and Milford—Henry L. Yeomans, Esq., Benjamin Bond, Esq., David Annand, Esq., Wm. McKeen, Esq., Isaac Isoner, Esq., Isaac Logan, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Duffus, the meeting passed a unanimous resolution requesting that the Society's representative at the Central Board of Agriculture should press upon the Board the importance of importing horses of a really high character, as the country was suffering from the

deterioration that had now been going on for many years.

Hon. Judge Ritchie expressed his entire concurrence in the resolution. An importation of horses would prove beneficial not only to farmers, but to the community at large, for although prices are rapidly rising, good horses are now scarcely obtainable in the Province on account of the general depreciation of this kind of stock. It would be well for the Board to recommend the Legislature to take some action in this matter.

Col. Laurie observed that we now require, not only a higher class of horses than any that are to be found in the province, but we also require a higher class of cattle, if continued progress is to be made, and more frequent Exhibitions.

Moved by Mr. Silver, seconded by Dr. Lewis, and

Resolved.—That this Society is of opinion that it is desirable to hold Annual Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions, and that the attention of the Legislature and of the Central Board be requested to the consideration of this subject.

The business of the general meeting being concluded, the President and Directors proceeded to nominate a representative to the Central Board of Agriculture, as required by the Act.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Judge Ritchie, and unanimously resolved, that Col. Laurie, be nominated as the Society's representative at the Central Board.

SYDNEY MINES AND LITTLE BRAS D'OR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Mines and Little Bras D'or Agricultural Society was held this first day of Dec. 1874, at Sydney Mines, pursuant to law, R. H. Brown, Esq., President, in the chair.

The following is a statement of the financial standing of the Society, which statement was read and approved of:

To Balance on hand at last regular meeting	\$ 42 35
Cash for service of Theodore.....	4 50
“ Implements and seeds.....	8 50
Amount of annual grant.....	104 00
Subscription of 46 members.....	46 00

\$205 35

By paid for Journals.....	\$ 4 00
Implements.....	32 70
Seeds.....	20 90
Expenses importing implements and seeds.....	4 40
Paid for rope.....	77
Keep of Theodore.....	50 00
Postage.....	0 66

\$121 89

Balance on hand.....	\$ 83 46
Stock on hand:	
1 Devon bull, valued at.....	90 50
Implements and seeds, valued at.....	4 99

It was moved by Wm. Jardine and seconded by H. M. Lawlor, that the officers for the past year retain their offices for the ensuing year with the exception

of Albert Corbett, Secretary, resigned. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by A. McQuinn, and seconded by York Barrington, that J. D. McNeil, Teacher, be appointed Secretary in place of A. Corbett, resigned; carried unanimously.

It was moved by York Barrington and seconded by R. H. Brown, that John Rosa, M.P.P., be appointed candidate to the Central Board of Agriculture; carried unanimously.

It was moved by York Barrington and seconded by John Cox that the Vice-president be appointed to confer with the officers of the North Sydney Agricultural Society, for the purpose of making arrangements for the importation of a thorough-bred entire horse; carried unanimously.

It was also moved, seconded, and passed, that the members have the privilege of having the services of Theodore for their cows free of charge.

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

President.—R. H. Brown; *Vice-Pres.*—Arch. McArthur; *Treas.*—Arch. McQuire; *Sec.*—John D. McPhail. *Directors*.—John Cox, William Young, Michael Phalen, York Barrington, Robert Howitson.

YARMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Court House, Yarmouth,
Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 1874.

Quarterly meeting—President, Chas. E. Brown, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved; number of members for 1874, 160; amount subscribed, \$320.

Statement of yield, etc., of seed potatoes, and of stock on hand, submitted by Chas. E. Brown. Largest yield: "Brownell's Beauty," 26½; "Compton's Surprise," 34 16-19; "Extra Early Vermont," 64 5-6 fold. Average. 23 109-133. Stock on hand: 9 18-60; 14 49-60, and 28 4-60 52 4-5 bushels.

On motion, award of Committees on Premiums amended as follows, viz., E. E. Archibald, 1st premium, stallion, vice 2nd; 1st boar, vice 2nd; awarded 2nd and 3rd prizes 4 mos. and under; Wm. Corning, 2nd premium, ram, vice John Pitman; Moses & Sternitt, 1st premium, white chest, vice S. J. Fleet.

Voted that J. W. Crosby be permitted to retain plan of township of Yarmouth awarded premium; also, A. L. Flint, plan of previous year.

Voted that John Cann be at liberty to dispose of the Alderney bull "Past Tyler," and that bond be cancelled and delivered up.

Premiums paid out. Amount of premium awarded, \$450.50; overdrawn, \$13.50—\$437.00

Subscription list for 1875 opened; number of members for 1875 to date, 30; amount subscribed, \$82.00.

Among the attractions of the day were some exceedingly fine specimens of apples and pears shown by Chas. E. Brown, grown by Stayley Brown, Samuel Killam (Milton), Moses Crosby and the Carlton Club, and including the varieties, Gravenstein, Northern Spy, Fall Jenning, Hubbardston Nonsuch, King of Tompkins Co., Transcendent Crab, Duchess D'Angoulême and Unknown.

Meeting adjourned,
Thos. E. CORNING, *Secy.*

GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Pursuant to notice, the annual general meeting of members of Glenelg Agricultural Society was held this 1st day of Dec., 1874, in accordance with the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture.

The President, Charles McKeen, Esq., in the chair.

The Officers and Directors reports were read and approved.

The Directors report that they were unable to carry out the wish of the Society as expressed by resolution of last annual meeting, to procure a superior article of Oats for seed from P. E. Island, in consequence of the scarcity and high price of oats in the Island last spring. That they have procured for the Society a thorough bred Alderney bull at a cost of \$140 and expenses. That they had sent bull to the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax, where he had taken a first prize, \$25. For the bulls kept they paid \$1.50 per week, the greater part of the season, and \$1.00 per week for the remainder, and that 50 cents per cow was charged for services to members of the Society, and \$1.00 to others.

The Treasurer's accounts, shewing a balance of \$52.00, were approved.

The officers and directors were elected as follows:—*President*, Thos. McKeen, Esq., *Vice-President*, Charles McKeen, Esq., *Directors*, William Jordan, Alex. Sinclair, jur., James D. Sinclair, Wm. McKeen and Samuel Archibald, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, John A. Kirk.

It was agreed with Chas. McKeen, Esq., to keep the bull six months from date for \$1.00 per week.

It was also agreed that 25 cents per service be charged to members of the Society, and 50 cents to others.

The directors were empowered to dispose of the bull after season next year, either by sale, exchange, or otherwise as they think best.

It was resolved that the funds of the Society be expended in procuring a superior quality of oats for seed from P. E. Island and that when procured they be distributed to members of the Society,

at a discount to be agreed upon by the directors.

At close of meeting the President and Directors nominated John Cumming, Esq., Upper South River, County of Antigonishe, to be the representative at the Central Board for Dist. No. 5.

JOHN A. KIRK, *Secy.*

REPORT OF THE BRIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1874.

To the Honourable President and Members of the Board of Agriculture:

Gentlemen,—In accordance with usage and duty, we forward you the annual report of the proceedings of the Society during the present year.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on the first day of December. The Society deemed it necessary to hold an Exhibition of Fruit, Roots and domestic manufactures, on Friday, October 2nd, preparatory to the Provincial Exhibition, at which they offered in prizes the sum of sixty dollars. The show of Fruit and Roots was good, considering their being gathered before being fully matured, the quantity not being as large as on some former occasions.

The Treasurer's accounts show a balance in hand of \$89.40.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—*President*—Col. W. E. Starratt; *Vice-President*—Wm. Miller; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*—Eugene P. Troop; *Directors*—C. B. Whitman, Oliver Foster, Robt. Bath, John H. Bent, Wm. B. Troop, Esqrs.

Cot. Wm. E. Starratt was elected the representative of the Society at the Central Board.

OLIVER FOSTER, *Pres.*
EUGENE P. TROOP, *Secy.*

Bridgetown, Dec. 1st, 1874.

AMHERST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report of the Board of Officers of the Amherst Agricultural Society, 15th Dec., 1873.

In accordance with the instructions of the last Annual Meeting to "expend the funds of the Society in the purchase of improved stock," the Directors purchased the Short Horn Durham Bull, "Ben Butler," from Mr. Fawcett, Sackville, N. B., last autumn, for \$150.

He was moved from place to place during the season so as best to meet the wants of members of different localities. The fee was fixed at \$1.00 to members, and \$2.00 to non-members. According to the accounts, 73 cows were served by him, 68 of which will probably prove in calf. The receipts from him will rather more than pay his expenses. Thos. R.

Black, Esq., is wintering him at \$1.50 per week.

A few bushels of the celebrated English Barley were bought in Halifax last spring, at \$1.50 per bushel, and distributed in the place at \$2.00 per bushel, leaving a small profit to the Society.

Agricultural Societies are essentially Farmer's Societies, and can be made the means of greatly improving the interests of Agriculture; but your Board deeply regret the backwardness and indifference of the farmers in reaping the benefits from the Society which a little more spirit would easily place within their reach. It is simply ridiculous for rich farmers to expect to realize great and lasting advantages from the annual payment of a mere dollar.

There is nothing but a lamentable want of enterprize and public spirit that prevents Amherst from participating in the incalculable profits of a live Agricultural Society, such as Sackville and Yarmouth: can each boast of and benefit from.

Adopted unanimously.

T. R. BLACK, Secy.
HIRAM BLACK, Pres.

Amherst Agricultural Society in account with Charles H. Bent, Treas.

Cash in hand from 1872.....	\$116 00
Borrowed from H. Black.....	36 00
Subscriptions from members, 1873	83 00
Bull Service, 1873.....	70 00
Amount sales of Barley.....	14 50
	\$319 50

Dr.

Cash paid J. E. Page for Bull.....	\$150 00
" Interest to Page.....	2 00
" Hiram Black.....	36 00
" " " interest	2 88
" Maynard Freeman keeping Bull.....	9 50
" Thompson Keillor, do ..	7 00
" Torry Bent, do ..	25 00
6 bus. Barley, Central Board of Ag.	9 00
Freight on "	0 60
Rent of Hall.....	1 35
	243.33
	\$76 17

GUYSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Officers and Directors of the Guysboro Agricultural Society beg leave to submit to the Central Board of Agriculture the operations of the Society for the past year; and whilst doing so, sincerely thank the Central Board for the interest, encouragement and attention paid by them to the cause of Agriculture. Although our subscription list, which has been forwarded, does not contain quite as many members as that of the preceding year, yet the interest evinced in Agricultural matters in this District is evidently increasing.

We deemed it advisable to expend the funds in hand in the purchase of stock, and for that purpose authorized one of the Directors to purchase in P. E.

Island seven Leicester Rams, which cost, including expense of importation, the sum of \$96, and also a ten year old Durham Bull, which cost, including expense of importation and for keeping up to Dec., \$55.43. The sheep were sold to members, with the understanding that they are to be kept in the Society for three years. The bull is a very fair animal, and was taken by one of the members to keep for six months for \$24. The stock promises to be a very good investment.

Respecting the crops, we beg to report that Hay was about an average crop. Oats very much below the average, owing to the gale of wind of the 24th August, which destroyed in many places one half the crop. Wheat, but little sown, and but a poor crop. Barley not grown to any extent, but a very fair crop where cultivated. Potatoes in this district very poor crop; in some localities where the soil was heavy clay, they were very much affected with the rot, but in dry sandy soil very fair crop. Turnips we regret to state are not generally cultivated, the crop the last season has been below the average. Fruit, very little cultivated, but hops soon to see an improvement in this respect.

According to the Treasurer's account herewith forwarded, the Society is in arrears \$16.98. We have the annual grant for the past year to draw, which, with members' subscriptions for the year, will place the Society in funds, which we contemplate expending in stock next year.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday the 2nd day of December. The President in the chair. The proceedings of the Officers and Directors for the past year were read and adopted. The Treasurer's accounts were duly audited by a Committee and found correct.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, Godfrey Peart; *Vice-President*, William Scott; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, William Hatshine; *Directors*, William DesBarres, Whitfield Scott, Edward Dillon and Robert Johnston.

GODFREY S. PEART, Pres.
WM. HATSHINE, Secy.

Guysboro, Dec 29, 1873.

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF MAITLAND.

PUTNAM HALL, MAITLAND,
HANTS COUNTY, Dec. 2nd, 1873. }

In terms of the act for the encouragement of Agriculture, the annual general meeting of the Union Agricultural Society of Maitland was held, the President occupying the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a report showing the doings of the Society for the past

year, also the financial report, showing the funds of the society to be at rather a low ebb.

On motion of A. M. Cochran, seconded by A. S. Smith, the bull was left in charge of the Committee appointed at a former meeting to be taken care of during the winter.

The Committee appointed to purchase a boar reported that they had done so for the sum of Twenty (20) Dollars.

On motion resolved, that he be left in their charge during the winter.

Caleb Henninger agreed to take charge of the ram for one year, and return him to the society at the end of that time free of charge.

The society then proceeded to the election of Officers for the coming year, as follows:—*President*—Isaac Douglas; *Vice-President*—A. M. Cochran; *Secy.* and *Treasurer*—Stephen Putnam; *Directors*—Joseph McLearn, Capt. A. A. McDougall, Caleb Honninger, George Smith, Adams McDougall.

A circular was read from the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture, asking this society to vote a certain sum to be taken from the Government Grant of 1874, to aid in making up the prize list at the forthcoming Exhibition.

After some discussion on the state of our finances, it was felt that in justice to ourselves we could not vote a larger sum than Twenty (\$20) Dollars, the members stating that they would gladly double it if the funds would admit. Accordingly the sum of Twenty (\$20) Dollars was voted.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at McLearn's, on the first of March, 1874.

STEPHEN PUTNAM, Secy.

At a meeting of the Officers and Directors held immediately after adjournment, A. M. Cochran was nominated by this society as a suitable person to represent District No. 4 at the Central Board.

S. P.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At this second annual meeting of our Society, your Secretary has much pleasure in being able to report it still alive and active.

Since our organization, about thirteen and one half months, the Society has held three full General meetings and four Directors' meetings.

The attendance, considering the length of the Society, about fifteen miles, has generally been good.

It being the first year of our existence as an Agricultural Society, we have not been able to perform all that could be wished, nor indeed all that some expected, as is shown by their retiring from the Society.

Immediately after our organization, a Committee was appointed to attend the sale of imported stock at Richmond, and purchase one or more of the animals. Not being able to carry out this arrangement, they purchased a Durham Bull from the Society at Windsor for Fifty Dollars; a ram from Shubenacadie Society for Eight Dollars; and a Boar from the Society at Noel for Fifteen Dollars.

The expenses incurred in getting the animals brought home amounted to Eight Dollars and sixty-five cents, (\$8.65,) making a total cost of Eighty-one Dollars and sixty-five cents, (\$81.65.)

The Ram, since his purchase, has been kept by Mr. Joseph McLearn, and is still in possession of the Society.

The Boar was kept alternately between Selmah and Kennetcook until the spring, where not proving all that was desired, he was sold to Hugh McLearn for Fifteen Dollars, that being the charge for keeping him during the winter.

The Bull was kept during the winter months at Mr. David Smith's, and during the summer between Maitland and Kennetcook, changed about every third week. This fall he was exchanged with the Society at Shubenacadie for a smaller one.

At a meeting of the Directors held in April, Hugh McLearn, Esq., was authorized to purchase One Hundred and Sixty pounds of Alsyoke Clover Seed, which he did at a cost of thirty-five cents a pound, which was sold to members at cost and charges.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF SOCIETY.

1872—To cash from 15 mems. at \$1.00 each,	\$ 15 00
" Government Grant.....	47 00
1873—To subscription from 63 members at \$1.00 each.....	63 00
To receipts for use of Bull.....	31 50
" Sale of Clover Seed.....	39 97
	\$255 52
Cr.	
1872—Cash paid in purchase of Stock..	\$ 81 65
180 lbs. Clover Seed at 35c.....	56 75
Freight on ".....	1 00
Book for Secretary.....	1 00
Keeping Bull one year.....	104 15
Expenses sending delegate to Halifax to select a representative to Central Board.....	4 00
To Hall Rent.....	5 00
	\$253 55
Balance due Society.....	\$ 1 97

REPORT OF THE MERIGOMISH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Merigomish Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday, the 2nd December, in accordance with the Act for the encouragement of agriculture.

The Secretary's report was read and adopted, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz:—*President*, Danl. Simpson; *Vice-President*, Wm. B. Sturd; *Secretary and Treasurer*, John S. Copeland; *Committee*, James Turnor,

Edward Finelson, John Meikel, James Roy, Thomas Grant.

David Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, was nominated to represent our County at Central Board.

Since the last report our Society have expended \$143 in the purchase of seed wheat from Canada, which has done very well. We also purchased a bull which has given general satisfaction. We have yet a balance on hand of \$80.

Respecting the crops—Hay was above the average and housed in good condition. The wheat sown early was a fair crop. Oats a very poor crop. Potatoes an extra crop. The storm of August damaged the crop very much in this locality this season.

David Matheson, Pictou, Representative. JAMES R. McDONALD, *Pres.* JOHN S. COPELAND, *Secy.*

NEWPORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Newport Agricultural Society was held on the 2nd of Dec., 1873, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved, Secretary then presented an account of receipts and expenditure.

Dr.	
Balance due Directors from last year.....	\$105 00
Expenses of stock to date.....	30 00
	\$135 00
Cr.	
Receipts of membership.....	\$55 00
Government Grant for 1873.....	42 00
	\$97 00
Balance due Directors.....	\$38 00

The society has the following stock on hand; two Grade Durham Bulls purchased in 1872. Cost \$165.

Our crops for the season; Hay an average one. Oats fair. Barley good. Wheat good, breadth sown small. Roots above the average. Potatoes yield large, some kinds not keeping well in cellar.

The following persons were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—*President*—James Ross; *Vice-President*—Samuel Chambers; *Secretary and Treasurer*—Edward Allison; *Directors*—Chas. Cochran, John Chambers, John Wallace, John P. Miller, John Spratt.

JAMES ROSS, *Pres.* EDWARD ALLISON, *Secy.* Newport, Dec. 31st, 1873.

BARRINGTON WEST PASSAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Minutes of adjourned Annual Meeting of West Passage Agricultural Society, held in School House, Dec. 11th, 1873.

The Secretary and Treasurer laid before the meeting the accounts of the year, which were duly approved. Moved by A. L. Crowell, seconded by J. A. Knowles, and resolved, that the President and Vice-President of last year be elected again for ensuing year.

Moved by S. Nickerson, seconded by J. A. Knowles, and passed, that Daniel Sargent be the Secretary and Treasurer for ensuing year.

Moved, seconded and passed, that the following persons be the Committee, viz: T. W. Robertson, W. Sargent, S. W. Crowell, Stellman Nickerson, Nathan Hopkins.

There being but a small attendance of the members, the question of voting anything from the funds of the Society, for the Provincial Exhibition, was left for another meeting.

J. L. CROWELL, *President.* W. SARGENT, *Sec'y. and Treas.* West Passage Agricultural Society, in account with W. Sargent, *Sec'y. and Treasurer:* 1873.

To bill of seeds.....	\$ 74.62
" paid S. Nickerson, truckage.....	1.00
" Secretary's salary.....	8.00
" Total on hand.....	82.10
	\$165.77
1873.	Cr.
By balance on hand last year.....	\$ 75.23
" Annual Grant.....	50.55
" Members' subscriptions.....	40.00
	\$165.77
	1873.
By balance as above on hand.....	\$82.10

MIDDLE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, CO. OF VICTORIA.

This Society held its annual meeting on the day fixed by the Act, 1873.

The following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year, viz:—*President*, W. John McDonald; *Vice-President*, H. Campbell; *Treasurer*, Ken'th. McDonald; *Secretary*, John McLennan; *Directors*, John McDonald, Donald McLean, Edwd. McLeod, Donald McQuinn, and William Cain.

The Society have nominated John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., to be a member of the Board of Agriculture.

The Directors and Office-Bearers of this Society would most respectfully report to the Hon'ble. the Board of Agriculture, at Halifax, the proceedings of this Society for the past year, and in doing so, it is necessary in the outset to notice the liberal amount of Grant allowed the Society by the Board of Agriculture for the last year, which has been the means of enabling the Society to embark larger in the importation of Stock this year than at any other period during its existence. This Society in the month of May last imported a stud horse, four years old, and weighing fourteen hundred weight, at a cost of three hundred dollars, in size and symmetry, surpassing any other ever imported to Cape Breton. Although the Society has done a great deal in the improvement of stock, yet the improvement of horses has been hitherto sadly neglected; but we trust that in a few years this will be greatly overcome by the introduction of this fine animal. This So-

ciety have this Fall imported three yearling bulls, two of which are Durhams, and the other a cross between an Alderney bull and an Ayrshire cow. These animals are specimens of rare beauty, and no doubt will remunerate the Society for their money. Although the great gale of August last was so destructive to the shipping and other property on the sea coast, yet this district has no reason to complain in comparison with many other localities on the Eastern shore of Cape Breton. It is true that some of our farmers were losers by the effect of the gale, but on the whole no serious injury will be sustained. The hay crop was good, and saved in good condition, averaging twenty per cent. over the average of last year, except with those whose barns were blown down by the gale. Wheat, oats, barley and buckwheat was a fair average crop, except on the back lands, principally owing to late sowing. The potatoes were not so numerous in the ground as last year, but of better quality. Before closing this hasty report, the Directors of this Society would most respectfully sanction the remarks of Mr. Dickson, President of the Parrsborough Agricultural Society, as regards the importation by the Board of Agriculture, of improved Potato Diggers, (see account, No. of the "Journal of Agriculture"). In conclusion, the Societ. have unanimously voted the sum of Forty Dollars towards the Exhibition of 1874, to be deducted out of the Grant of the same year.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

The Middle River Agricultural Society in account with the Treasurer:

1872.	
To amount in the hands of the Treasurer, Dec. 1872	\$309.85
" Central Board's bounty for 1872	159.00
" subscriptions of members for 1873	88.00
" Nett proceeds of sale of stud horse	180.00
	\$737.21

Cr.	
By paid for Journals	\$ 4.00
" " for stud horse	300.00
" " for 3 yearling Bulls	60.00
" " for expenses of Bulls	20.00
Incidental expenses	19.20
	403.70
	\$403.70 333.51

JOHN McLENNAN, Sec'y.

MILFORD HAVEN AGRI. SOCIETY.

Guysborough, 6th Dec., 1873.

I beg leave to report to you that the Milford Haven Agricultural Society met on Tuesday last, as the Annual Meeting, and appointed their officers for the ensuing year, which officers have nominated Mr. George Cameron as a suitable person for appointment to the Central Board, and I, as Secretary of the Society, do hereby transmit the name of Mr. George Cameron of the Intervale of Guysborough, to you for that purpose. I would also state further that your Circular in connection with

the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition was laid before the Society, which was looked upon favorably by those present. But the attendance was rather small, and the meeting adjourned for another day without coming to any decision. I have no doubt but this Society will contribute its mite this year for the Exhibition.

WILLIAM TORY, Sec'y.
Milford Haven Agri. Society.

MERIGOMISH AGRI. SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Merigomish Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday, the 1st of December. President in the chair. Report and proceedings of the past year read and approved. The following is a statement of the financial standing of the Society:

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 77.03
Amount of Annual Grant	45.38
For subscriptions	40.00
For Wheat	107.45
	\$269.86
By paid postages and stationery	\$ 1.04
" Wheat imported	181.55
" expenses on wheat	9.60
" Devon Bull	135.00
" expenses on Bull	15.50
	\$342.69
Balance against Society	\$72.83

The following officers were elected for the current year:—President, James Roy; Vice-President, Wm. B. Sturd; Secretary and Treasurer, John S. Copeland; Directors, Thomas Grant, Angus McDonald, Edward Finelson, Alex. McGregor, Jacob Olding.

Our Society nominated David Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, for member at Central Board.

JOHN S. COPELAND, Sec'y.

BOULARDERIE AGRI. SOCIETY.

LITTLE BRAS D'OR, Dec. 10th, 1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Boularderie Agricultural Society was held on the first Tuesday of December, in accordance with the Act. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Michael Fleming; Vice-Pres., Alexander Cordiner; Sec'y., Wm. McKay Treas., John Ross; Directors, Allan McIntyre, Norman McLean, Wm. Toole, David Fleming, Archd. McKenzie. John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., was elected to represent the Society at the Central Board of Agriculture.

The Society voted \$30 toward the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held in Halifax, in October, 1874.

Our membership this year is below the usual number; last year we had 72, this year only 55 paid in the yearly subscription. Many of them do not take enough interest in the Society to attend the Annual Meeting.

Since last report the Society has expended the sum of \$154.44 in purchasing seeds, Threshing machine and Potato digger. The receipts of the Society, in-

cluding members subscriptions and \$145.42 on hand from last year, amounts to \$302.92, leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands of \$148.48. Respecting the crops, we beg to submit the following remarks:—Hay an average crop; oats, barley and wheat below an average; potatoes half a crop, but of good quality; turnips, cabbage, and all green crops, almost a total failure; fruit all blown away with the great gale that visited us the 24th August, and in many instances the trees blown away along with the fruit. The general failure of the crops is attributed to the great gale.

WILLIAM MCKAY, Sec'y.
Address of Representative—John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Grove's Point, Little Bras d'Or, C. B.

WEYMOUTH AGRI. SOCIETY.

WEYMOUTH, December 1st, 1874.

To the Sec'y. of the Central Board:

SIR,—The Annual Meeting of the Weymouth Agricultural Society, was held to-day. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The account of the Secretary was submitted (showing a balance in hand of \$22.45), and passed. The following officers were then appointed for the year 1875:—Pres., A. D. Hoyt; Vice-Pres., Wm. H. Dahlgreen; Sec'y. and Treas., J. S. M. Jones; Business Com., Stephen Payson, Charles Jones, Jacob Wyman, Edward Hogen, Jas. K. Morse.

John Dakin, Esq., was nominated for Central Board.

Our Society lost the use of the Alderney Bull by sickness, and had to sell him. We are in hopes to be able to procure a good bull for the coming Spring.

Crops about an average, with other years. The Fall has been uncommonly fine. Farmers have fed but little hay to stock, as yet.

J. S. M. JONES, Sec'y.

WEST CORNWALLIS AGRI. SOCIETY

December 2nd, 1873.

The officers of your Society are again before you with their Annual Report, and are happy to say that means you have tried, and plans you have suggested from time to time, during the year have been successful in promoting the harmony of the society, and success of its general objects.

We are again in a position to say that the stock produced from "Major Roland," bids fair for favourable competition with any in the County, as regards neatness of contour and compactness of muscle. As regards improvement from the "Duke of Greenwood," we are unable to report; but judging from the appearance, activity, and general health of the animal, we have good reason to expect our outlay will be more than reimbursed to the Society. We have sold the grade bull.

Crops—Hay is hardly average, but of better quality than usual, and secured in good order. Potatoes above average, more than usually sound, and of a good quality. Oats about average. Buckwheat, some below average. Wheat and Rye but little sown. Corn below an average yield. Apples about half a crop, and that largely reduced by early storms.

The accounts of receipts and expenditure for the past year are herewith submitted as follows:

1872.	
Money in hands of Treasurer at date.....	\$ 37.37
Cash for sale of grade bull Young William.....	34.00
1873.	
Provincial Grant.....	63.28
Use of Bulls paid.....	40.60
Annual subscription fees of 76 members.....	78.00
	\$250.75

1872.	
Paid Edward Parker for keeping the bull "Major Roland".....	\$ 31.00
Paid Secretary of Society.....	8 00
Paid purchase of bull "Duke of Greenwood".....	210.00
Paid Jas. A. Cox expenses on same.....	22.11
Agricultural Journals.....	4 00
Paid Edw. Kinsman keeping bulls.....	76.23
C. H. Parker keeping "Duke of Greenwood".....	31.90
E. Parker keeping bulls.....	14.00
Stationery.....	78
	\$398.07

The Society to meet these expenses have borrowed, on interest, one hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-one cents.

The officer, elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—*President*, George W. Kinsman; *Vice-President*, Alfd. S. Rand; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Matthew Fisher, jr., Somerset; *Directors*, Chas. McGregor, James P. Kinsman, Henry Shaw, William H. Skinner, and James A. Cox.

Nominated for a member of the Central Board of Agriculture, George W. Fisher, Esq., of Somerset.

EDWARD PARKER, *Vice-Pres.*
ALFRED S. RAND, *Secretary.*

1873.	
Note to Wellington Clark on interest from this date for.....	\$145.61
Interest to this date.....	5.83
Due Charles H. Parker on account.....	16.90
Edward Parker keeping 2 bulls—weeks at \$2, less money in his hands \$6.	

The West Cornwallis Agricultural Society at the Annual Meeting of this date, Dec. 2nd, 1873, Resolved, to contribute to the Exhibition which is to be held at Halifax in October next, the sum of sixteen dollars.

ALFRED S. RAND, *Sec'y.*

MALAGASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

MALAGASH, December 13th, 1873.

SIR,—The annual meeting of Malagash Agricultural Society was held in Templar's Hall, first Tuesday of December, President in the chair. The meeting proceeded to the election of officers, and the following persons were elected/unanimously—*Pres.*, Donald McKenzie; *Vice-Pres.*, Isaac Purdy; *Treas.*, Robert McDonald; *Sec'y.*, Leander Treen; *Di-*

rectors, Alex. Porteous, Alex. McKenzie, R. W. Porteous, Azor Treen, M. Student.

Gilbert Purdy, Esq., Wallace, candidate to Central Board.

There not being a very good attendance, the meeting was adjourned until the 11th, when there was a very good attendance. There is an increase of fourteen members over last year, making a total of sixty-three members, who subscribed \$1 each, making a total of \$63. You will see by the financial statement that there is a sum of \$13.46 in fund over last year's expenses, which gives \$76.46 in hand. By a vote of the Society, we were quite a large quantity of seeds purchased last Spring, comprising Garden seeds, Northern Clover and Prince Edward Island oats, all of which was sold to the members of the Society at half cost. All proving very beneficial, excepting beet seed, which were mixed with mangold wurtzels.

There are quite a number of members of the Society in favour of purchasing seeds, but this feeling is fast dying out, as they see good stock is of much more importance.

The intention of the Society now is to purchase some good stock next season. They have at present one bull, a Durham grade, which is a fine animal, and the Society have received great benefit from his stock. Hoping this will meet with your approval, I remain, &c.,

LEANDER TREEN, *Sec'y.*

P.S.—The Society voted \$15 for the benefit of the Provincial prize fund.

Financial statement of Malagash Agricultural Society for 1873:

By subscriptions at \$1 per member.....	\$ 46.00
Government Grant, per Bill.....	32.34
Money realised by sale of seeds.....	49.12
Balance from year 1872.....	60.55
	\$188.01

To cash paid for seeds.....	\$ 98.80
Cash paid for Freight.....	7.55
payment Agricultural Journals.....	4.00
keeping Bulls at \$4 per month.....	48.00
Secretary's salary.....	2.00
bills not paid from previous year.....	14.20
	\$174.56

Balance.....	\$ 13.46
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EGERTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Egerton Agricultural Society was held, according to law, on Tuesday, 2nd December, the President in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were passed. The accounts read and passed, approved. The following were then elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Robert McNaughton; *Vice-President*, John McKay; *Secretary*, John Culton; *Treasurer*, Thomas Grant; *Directors*, Alexander Grant, Danl. Gray, Joseph McNaughton, William R. Logan and Alexander J. McKay.

To be a member of the Central Board

of Agriculture, David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

The request of the Central Board of Agriculture for the Provincial Exhibition was then read, and the following was then moved and passed:—

"That as this Society is preparing to purchase stock, and as good stock is dear, we do not feel able to do as much as we would wish to do for the occasion.

If the Board will accept of \$10, we feel willing to offer that sum.

Egerton Agricultural Society in account with Treasurer:

To balance due.....	\$ 1.11
By member's subscriptions.....	88.00

Balance in Treasurer's hands.....\$86.89

The Society intend saving their funds to purchase Stock next Summer, by paying their subscriptions next year early in the season, and laying out both together to the best possible advantage for the improvement of stock.

ROBERT MCNAUGHTON, *Pres.*
JOHN CULTON, *Sec'y.*

LOWER STEWIAKKE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

LOWER STEWIAKKE, Dec. 18th, 1873.

I enclose certified subscription list for the year 1873. Tardiness of members in paying their dues has prevented me from sending this sooner.

At the Annual Meeting held December 2nd, the sum of twenty dollars was voted as the subscription of this Society toward the Provincial Exhibition of 1874.

At a meeting of the officers held Dec. 10th, Isaac Longworth, Esq., Truro, was nominated for appointment to the Central Board, in accordance with the Act of 1873.

W. W. PICKINGS, *Sec'y.*

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF EAST CORNWALLIS.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Agricultural Society of East Cornwallis, was held on the 2nd December, 1873, according to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

The President, John E. Starr, Esq., in the chair. A large number of the members of the Society were present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The report of the Secretary was read, showing a membership of One Hundred and Nineteen, of which number One Hundred and Five have paid their annual dues.

The Treasurer's account was submitted and approved of, showing amount collected for service of Bulls and annual dues of \$421.69, and paid on account of purchase of animals, keeping the same, and incidental expenses of the same amount.

The enclosed report of Council was submitted and approved of.

Communication from Central Board in

reference to Provincial Exhibition, to be held in Halifax, in October, 1874, read. On motion Sixty Dollars was voted to the Prize Fund of the Exhibition. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—*President*, John E. Starr; *Vice-President*, Jno. T. Newcomb; *Secretary and Treasurer*, R. M. Rand; *Directors*, Levi Eaton, Jos. T. Jackson, Edwin Chase, Leander Rand, Patton Wood; *Auditors*, A. G. Marsters, John E. Ellis.

R. M. RAND, *Sec'y.*

The Report of the Council of the Union Agricultural Society, of East Cornwallis, for the year ending Dec. 2nd, 1873.

1. The quantity of hay harvested this season does not appear to be quite up to an average; but the quality is much superior to that of last year, making the value of the crop fully up to ordinary times.

2. The oat crop has in general been scarcely an average. The Norway oats have proved to possess little or no advantage over the common black oat. Some good samples of surprise oats have been raised, but late seed time and the tendency to depreciation, militate very much against oat crop in general.

3. What few samples of wheat that have been grown, have been reasonably good, and farmers would do well to give more attention to this crop, now that the weevil has in a great measure ceased its ravages. Barley, rye and buckwheat have their appropriate places in farm management, being raised by only a portion of our farmers, and have yielded perhaps an average crop.

4. It is regretful to be obliged to report that the yield of orchard fruit has been exceedingly small—apples in particular have, in some instances, proved almost a total failure.

5. Potatoes have yielded abundantly, and are quite superior in quality. Many new varieties are coming into use, and it is highly commendable that Agriculturists spare no pains to propagate new and valuable sorts.

6. With regard to the more successful management of farming operations, we would recommend that farmers look more carefully to the acquisition and proper use of fertilising agents. And although the farmers of this County have merited a character for wisdom and shrewdness, yet, greater advances should be made, and we would recommend the formation of farmer's clubs, for the consideration and discussion of such subjects as bear on their agricultural interests.

7. With regard to the purchase of more stock, we would recommend that in case this Society should deem it necessary to make any further additions, that younger animals should be obtained, and none but those of certified Pedigree.

We would recommend that the bull Lobo Lad be sold.

(Signed,) J. T. JACKSON,
JONATHAN RAND,
PATTEN WOOD,
JOHN W. MARGESON.

WINDSOR AGRIC. SOCIETY.

WINDSOR, Dec. 16th, 1873.

SIR,—The Annual Meeting of the Windsor Agricultural Society, took place on the first Tuesday in December; when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—*President*, Rev. H. P. Almon; *Vice-President*, Robert Bacon; *Secretary*, Alfred Thomas; *Treasurer*, James Dill; *Directors*, J. Dimock, John Taylor, J. W. Maxner, Wm. Palmer, H. Brown.

It was resolved that the bull Orion be sold at Public Auction, which, after carried out, the sale realized over forty dollars, the Society have still two imported Bulls; which are on service on the same terms and places as last year.

It was moved and seconded that all the Society's imported stock be sold, and the money occupied to increase the Prize list, trusting to private means for the future; this motion was not carried. The Society contributed Fifty Dollars towards the General Exhibition. A larger sum was at first proposed, but the more prudent members thought that the funds of the Society would hardly allow of it. The sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars was voted for the local Fair, to be held on the first Tuesday in September.

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED THOMAS, *Sec'y.*

TATAMAGOUCHE AGRIC. SOCIETY.

TATAMAGOUCHE, Dec. 16th, 1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Tatamagouche Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the 2nd inst. The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer submitted his account, a copy of which is annexed. The number of members is 40, each having subscribed and paid \$1. The most of the office-bearers were re-elected as follows:—*President*, James Clarke; *Vice-President*, William A. Patterson; *Treasurer*, Joshua Slade; *Secretary*, Robert Cunningham; *Directors*, George Slade, Angus McDonald, Isaac Blair, John Johnson and Thomas Roberts.

Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, was nominated as a suitable person to be a member of the Central Board of Agriculture. The meeting voted one-third of our Government grant for 1874, towards the Prize Fund of the Provincial Exhibition to be held in 1874.

The Society now owns one thoroughbred Ayrshire Bull, and one grade Bull, and has also imported 6 grade ram lambs,

from Prince Edward Island, this last season; but one of them was counted unfit for a breeder, and was therefore sold at auction for the sum of \$1.70. Since the last Annual Meeting, the Society has purchased and sold to members about 200 bushels of seed oats, 200 lbs. clover seed, and 15 lbs. turnip seed.

During the last year the Society has held monthly meetings for the discussion of Agricultural topics, and has found them very interesting, and intend to continue them. In this locality the Spring of 1873 was very favorable for Agricultural operations, and the crops were got in the ground early, and in fine condition. Hay turned out a good average crop, and grain showed every appearance of an abundant harvest up till the great storm on August 24th, which blasted and withered everything that was green, even noxious weeds and useless bushes, and scattered desolation on every hand, and showed no mercy to the crops of farmers, either rich or poor, consequently the grain crops have not turned out more than half an average.

Potatoes and turnips turned out a good average. The year of 1873 will be long remembered here as a hard one on farmers, for while few have had more than half a crop of grain, some have had almost none. Fruit a complete failure.

The financial accounts of the Society stand as follows:—

PROCEEDS.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 24.40
Government Grant.....	25.51
Subscriptions of members.....	40.00
Lamb sold.....	1.70
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	\$101.61
Bull Service.....	6.00
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	\$107.61
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid for Grade Bull.....	\$ 27.00
" " Ram Lambs.....	33.00
" " Keep of Ayrshire Bull.....	54.00
" " " " Grade Bull.....	2.50
Paid for sundries.....	6.15
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	\$122.65
	107.61

Balance due Treasurer.....\$ 15.04
ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, *Sec'y.*

AMHERST AGRIC. SOCIETY.

AMHERST, Dec. 15th, 1873.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of our Society was quite well attended, and considerable enthusiasm was awakened. The officers for the current year are:—*Pres.*, Thos. R. Black; *Vice-Pres.*, Torry Bent; *Treas.*, Chas. H. Bent; *Sec'y.*, Hiram Black; *Directors*, Jas. E. Page, Hood Coates, John Atkinson, David Corbett and Wm. Freeman.

The sum of \$25 was voted subscription towards the Provincial Exhibition fund.

A person by the name of Hiram Black, was nominated by the Society as suitable for appointment to the Central Board.

I am strongly in hopes that our sub-

scription list will be heavier than ever before.

I have, &c.,
HIRAM BLACK, Sec'y.

Amherst Agricultural Society, Amherst.

FENWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NOEL.

NOEL, Dec. 1st, 1873.

The officers and Directors of the Fenwick Agricultural Society, at this your eighth Annual Meeting, beg leave to submit the following report:—

The past has not been a very prosperous year with the Society. We purchased one hundred and twenty bushels P. E. Island oats, eighty-five pounds Alsike clover seed, eighty pounds Northern red clover seed, and five bushels barley, all of which were sold to members at cost and charges.

The Bull owned by the Society, a grade Alderney, was kept by Robert Faulkner, Esq., for the use of members.

The hay crop was about average, and harvested in excellent condition; wheat and barley good; oats less than average; buckwheat about half a crop, being injured by the August gale; potatoes above average, but rotting considerably in the cellar in some cases; other root crops about average.

The following officers were appointed: President, Alexander Densmore; Vice-President, J. J. O'Brien; Treasurer, Thos. Hunter; Secretary, Uniacke Densmore; Directors, Richard S. Blois, Albon S. Main, Samue' O'Brien, Robert Faulkner, Jacob Henig-r.

Member of Central Board, Israel Longworth, Esq.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was unanimously voted towards the funds of the Provincial Exhibition of 1874.

Balance in Treasurer's hands Dec. 3, 1872. \$ 70.91
Receipts for 1873. 157 80

Expenditure for 1873. 157.37
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Dec. 1, 1873. 78.34
Cash due the Society Dec 1st, 1873. 116.60

ALEXANDER DENSMORE, Pres.
UNIACKE DENSMORE, Sec'y.

PORT HOOD AND MABOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Report of the proceedings of the Port Hood and Mabou Agricultural Society, for the year ending December 1st, 1873.

The Officers and Directors of the Port Hood and Mabou Agricultural Society beg leave to submit the following report of the proceedings of this Society, during the year ending 1st December, 1873:

As during the past few years, the Society has been confining its attention principally to the improvement of cattle and sheep, the good effects of which are quite manifest; and, as it appeared at the last Annual Meeting to be the general sentiment of the Society, that its attention should be directed towards the improve-

ment of the horses of our district, your Directors made an effort in the early part of the season, which resulted in the purchase of the celebrated horse "General Williams," at a cost of Five Hundred Dollars. He was sold at Public Auction under the restrictions that he stands four Seasons in the District, realising Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars, Two Hundred and Twenty Dollars less than cost price. This being a considerable drain on the funds of the Society, your Committee thought it best not to make any further outlay this season, but rather to hoard up their funds in case a fresh importation of stock should be made by the Central Board the coming season.

The following is a statement of the pecuniary affairs of the Society for the year ending 1st Dec., 1873:

Agricultural Society of Mabou and Port Hood, in account with L. S. McKeen, Treasurer.

1873.	
By balance in fund from last year.....	\$336.00
Annual subscriptions.....	45.00
Nett proceeds of sale of horse Gen. Williams	280.00
To paid for horse General Williams.	500.00
" cash in funds.....	160.00
	\$660.00
	\$660.00

Officers elected 1st December, 1873:
President, John McKeen; Vice-President, Robert McDongal; Secretary and Treasurer, L. S. McKeen; Directors, E. D. Tremain, Edward Dulhanty, Walter McDonald, William Murray.

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF PUGWASH, CO. CUMBERLAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Agricultural Society of Pugwash, was held in the Bergman School House, on the second day of December, according to law.

After last year's expenses were paid off, there was not much in the Treasurer's hands to begin this year with. Last Spring the Society bought a Grade Durham Bull, for Fifty Dollars, and Grade Devon Bull for Forty Dollars. Two of the members kept them for the Summer for Twenty Dollars each.

The Society also bought a quantity of Red Clover seed, which was sold to members at cost and charges. The Rams bought last Fall from Henry Longworth, Esq., P. E. I., were sold in Nov. 1873, to members of the Society for the use of the Society for that season, afterwards to become the property of the purchaser.

The bulls are now in winter quarters, and are to be kept in the Society for another year. There is a falling off in the membership for this year, the reason, we think, is that some people want their money back with compound interest, in a few months, and will not give the Society time to prove that it is going to be a benefit. The Society appointed a Committee to canvass and urge the necessity of keeping it flourishing for a time, hence the benefits will be largely seen, and not by merely one year's trial.

The grain crops this year promised well, but the storm of 24th August, injured them considerably. The hay is good, and got in good condition. Potatoes abundant, and quality excellent. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Simon Fraser; Vice-President, Jas. Chisholm; Secretary, Thos. A. Fraser; Treasurer, John Stewart; Directors, Robt. Smith, Richmond McCurdy, J. Cummings, Wm. Gidderston, Hugh McDonald.

By order,

THOS. A. FRASER, Sec'y.
Pugwash, 2nd Dec., 1873.

MAHONE BAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Mahone Bay Agricultural Society, in account with Jacob Ernst, Treasurer, for the year ending Dec., 1873:

1873.	
To paid for Agricultural Journal.....	\$ 4.00
" Amount of Stock purchased \$160, less 5 p. c., \$8.....	152.00
" C. A. Zwicker, travelling expenses, &c., to Halifax, and back to Mahone Bay.	
Purchasing Stock.....	13.50
" for Wintering Bull.....	65.33
" keeping Bull Summer term.....	60.00
" Sec'y. for postage, stationery and service	9.00
" L. Knaut for rent of Hall.....	1.00
	\$304.83

To balance due Treasurer.....\$ 50.14

By balance on hand last year, Dec., 1872. \$ 50.69
" service of Bull..... 18.00
" Government Grant..... 122.00
" By Annual Subscriptions received from Members..... 64.00

\$254.69
By amount charged on acct. bal. due Treas. 50.14

The officers of the Mahone Bay Agricultural Society beg to submit the following report, and regret to say that they are not in a position to show much progress in the Society for the year ending. This was owing in a great measure to the low state of financial matters; they are brightening up with the hope, ere the close of another year, to be on good solid financial ground again. In members we increased a few. Respecting the white Chester pigs purchased in 1871, we must say that with attendance and good feed, they give very good return; we notice with them as with other, the more and the better you give them, the more and better returns you receive back; we notice that with those of the W. C. pig that Mr. Simon Burguine got into his possession he raised the best we have seen yet. Respecting the crops, as follows:—Hay, in abundance. Grain good, of all kinds. Potatoes good, or better than for the past few years. Cabbage, good. Roots of all kinds good. Apples and plums fair average, the latter rather better.

Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows:—President, R. Zwicker; Vice-President, Joseph Mader; Treasurer, Jacob Ernst; Secretary, H. Schnare; Directors, E. B. Hyson, John Mader, Chas. Zwicker, David Veinot, Alexander Ham.
R. ZWICKER, Pres.
H. SCHNARE, Sec'y.

any ever seen here before. Our sheep and pigs have undergone a decided improvement for the last six years.

In the months of May and June last the farm crops in this district appeared to be a total failure, but by the continual warm showers during the months of July and early part of August, the direful calamity threatened was replaced by a bountiful harvest; and, although later than usual, the fine weather in September and October enabled the farmers to secure their crops in good condition; in order to give a distinct account of the different kinds of crops, we begin with hay.

Hay.—This crop, although very doubtful in the early summer, has turned out beyond the usual growth of many former years, and was saved in good condition. Wheat—this crop although sparingly sowed, looked well, but was slightly injured by frost, and only for the late season would be a paying crop. Oats—this crop turned out well, both in straw and grain. Barley—this crop yielded well, both in quantity and quality. Potatoes—those planted on wet uplands missed considerably, but what grew did well: those planted on light alluvial soils yielded ten to one.

STATE OF THE FUNDS.

The Middle River Agricultural Society in account with the Treasurer.

1874.—To balance in the hands of the Treasurer, 1873.....	\$333 51
To bounty for 1873.....	176 00
Subscriptions of members for 1874.....	83 00
	\$592 51
Cr.	
By paid for Journals.....	\$ 4.00
Mr. Saunders for seeds.....	37.30
Freight from Halifax and truckage to M. River.....	1.40
Paid James McLeod his expenses after stud horse.....	58.37
Wintering three Bulls.....	31.00
Paid for Leicester Ram.....	10.00
Incidental expenses.....	25.00
	167.07

Balance in hand..... \$452.44

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows, viz:—*President*—John McDouald; *Vice-President*—D. McQuarrie; *Directors*—Edward McLeod, William Caird, Samuel Nicholson, John Hunter and Donald Fenlayson; *Treasurer*—Hector Campbell; *Secretary*—John McLennan; John Ross, Esq., nominated as member to represent us at the Board of Agriculture.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARRSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The last annual meeting of the Society was held at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 2nd December, 1873. The previous year's report was then read and approved, all the officers were re-elected to serve for 1874. The following persons gave notice in writing that they had withdrawn from the Society, viz., Robert Gibson and Hamlet

Webster. Mr. T. D. Dickson was nominated by the officers as a suitable candidate for appointment to serve as a member of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1874, in compliance with the amendment to the Act "for the encouragement of Agriculture," passed in the Session of 1873.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday, the 7th April, 1874. It was then resolved that bounties be paid on the first Tuesday of November next, on crops raised in 1874, and compost made in 1874, as follows, viz., on 10 bushels wheat, 5s.; 5 bushels, 2s. 6d.; on 10 bushels rye, 5s.; 5 bushels, 2s. 6d.; on 10 bushels barley, 2s. 6d.; 5 bushels, 1s. 3d.; on 100 bushels Swedish turnips, 5s.; 50 bushels, 2s. 6d.; on 1 bushel haysced, 2s. 6d.; ½ bushel, 1s. 3d.; on 60 loads compost, 5s.; 30 loads, 2s. 6d. It was also resolved that bounties be paid on the first Tuesday of November, 1876, for covered sheds or cellars for saving manure viz., to accommodate 10 head of cattle, £1, 1s. 9d.; 5 head, 15s., members who have received similar bounties, premiums or donations within the past fifteen years to be excluded. It was resolved that the Society contribute £10 from its next Provincial Grant towards the Prize fund of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition to be held in Halifax, in October, 1874, one-third to be deducted from bounties, premiums or donations payable to each member to reimburse the Society to the extent of five pounds, or one-half the amount. It was also resolved that the Society take this year twenty-five numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia*,—one number to be given gratis to each of the eleven officers, the remaining fourteen numbers to be sold to members at cost. It was also resolved that a bull calf or yearling of the Ayrshire breed, be procured for the Ratchford River Section whenever practicable—such animal when procured to be sold to the highest bidder. The purchaser to give bonds to keep him as a breeder in the said section until he is five years old, and through the season when he is five years old. The costs and charges to the Society not to exceed five pounds.

The Committee met at Daniel York's, Mill Village, on Tuesday the 3rd November, 1874, when bounties on wheat, barley, Swedish turnips, and haysced raised in 1874, on compost made in 1874, on orchards of ten grafted apple trees, set out or grafted between the 1st Tuesday of November, 1870, and the 1st Tuesday of November 1872, were paid as follows, viz., on wheat, £2, 7s. d.; on barley £2, 3s. 9d.; on Swedish turnips, £4, 17s. 6; on compost £18; on haysced, £5, 11s. 3d.; on grafted apple trees, £12, 10s.; to the amount of £46, 5s.

It was resolved that Daniel York be paid 7s. 6d. for the use of a room to hold meetings of the officers and Society through the year, and that the Secretary be paid 22s. 6d. for his services and stationery used by him in 1874. It was also resolved that the Society take 25 numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the year 1875, commencing in March next to be disposed of in the usual manner.

Through the year the Treasurer has received £34, 11s. 3d., from members—£30, 12s. 6d. of which is subscriptions due for 1874, and £3, 19s. 3d. subscriptions due for years previous to 1874. He received £5 from Wm. Kirkpatrick to return that amount advanced to him in November 1871, to purchase a bull for the Diligent River and Mill Village Sec-

tions. The bull was bought but retained by him as private property. He also received £26, 11s. 11d. from the Central Board of Agriculture, assigned to the Society out of Provincial money voted for Agricultural Societies in Nova Scotia for the year 1873. He received £3, 19s. 9d. in contributions from members drawing bounties in November 1874 towards the £10 voted by the Society in April, 1874, in aid of the fund for the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition to be held in Halifax in October, 1874. He also received one pound for *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the year 1874, sold to members at first cost. These amounts make the sum of the funds for this year to be £71, 3s. 5d. Out of this, payments were made as before stated, on wheat, barley, Swedish turnips, and haysced raised in 1874, compost made in 1874, and on orchards of ten grafted apple trees each. Purchase and freight of a potato digger from St. Cathrine's, Ontario, £7, 9s. 3d.; *Journals of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the year 1873, including sixty extra numbers for the month of January, 1874, £2, 10s.; Postages, 1s. 7d. ½; Room to hold meetings of Society and officers in, in 1874, 7s. 6d.; Services of Secretary, and stationery used by him in 1874, 22s. 6d. These sums, including the balance of £17 16s. 5d. ½, due the Treasurer on the 4th November, 1873, amount to £75, 12s. 4d., leaving a balance of £4, 8s. 11d. due him at the close of the business for this year.

Out of 149 members in 1873, two withdrew, seven having joined the Society in 1874—154 are liable to pay 5s. each in 1874. From these £34, 11s. 3d. was received, £3, 19s. 3d. of which is subscriptions due for years previous to 1874. The arrearages on the subscriptions for 1874 are £7, 18s.

Twenty-five numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the year 1874, have been received and read in the different sections of the Society through the year. Each of the different officers receives a number gratis, the remaining fourteen numbers are sold to members at first cost. Sixty extra numbers of the *Journal of Agriculture for Nova Scotia* for the month of January 1874, containing the 32nd annual report of Parrsborough Agricultural Society for the year 1873, were procured at a cost of a few shillings, and distributed gratuitously to members of the Society and otherwise, chiefly within the limits of the Society. This plan of circulating the annual report of the proceedings of the Society has afforded much satisfaction to all interested for the past two years.

Several of our best farmers tried this Fall the "Dick's patent Potato Digger," imported from St. Cathrine's, Ontario, last Fall. It came too late to try last year. All alike condemn it as of no service, no better than a common plough. Either they did not know how to use it, or the implement is a deception. Can it be possible that the certificates forwarded, highly recommending it, from twenty-three farmers from different parts of New York and the Province of Ontario, all of whom say they have used it or seen it used, are forgeries or untruthful? We hope the fault is rather in our want of acquaintance with its use on the part of farmers here, than in the imperfection of the implement itself. It would not be right therefore to condemn it fully without further trial, and if possible by some one familiar with putting the different parts together and using it. The

cost was large for so small and so simple an implement £7, 9s. 3d.; nearly half of it, however, was due to freight. Only think of \$10.75 on a small plough, weighing probably with its accompaniments, less than 100 lbs., from St. Catherine's, Ontario, to Halifax by express Railway! Of \$1.75 by Railway from Halifax to Windsor, and 90 cents for remaining in the depot at Windsor about three weeks! If the implement had proved good or should prove good on further trial, the first cost of \$16 at St. Catherine's, Ont., was not excessive, yet quite sufficient in view of its great simplicity. Perhaps we were too sanguine and therefore hasty in ordering the Digger, but had no idea that it would be sent at such a fearful cost for freight. From Boston by a vessel to this place, where no doubt better Potato Diggers than the Ontario one are sold, the freight would not have exceeded one dollar, or by a vessel from Montreal to Pictou, an article of no more weight and bulk than our Digger would not probably cost more than a dollar. The charge by horse team of 112 lbs. fifty years ago from Halifax to Truro, 60 miles, was only 7s., and from Halifax to Windsor, forty-five miles, only 2s. 6d. There is probably some mistake or imposition in the charges made on the Digger.

Our usual Provincial Grant for 1874 has not yet been received.

The hay crop this year in Parrsborough, Upper Maccan, and Apple River has been unusually good, and was all harvested in good time and in excellent condition. Potatoes came up well and grew luxuriantly, promising a heavy crop, but many farmers complain of a light crop, not so good as last year's. Late in the season the tops were pitted by blight, and the potatoes when dug were slightly affected by it. It is observed now to be more extensive as they are used, than it was thought to be at the time of digging. There are good crops of oats, barley, and buckwheat, with no complaint of rust in the oats. Rye, formerly so much grown in Maccan, does not appear to have been sown by any of the farmers this year. Turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, onions, cabbages, peas and beans all succeeded well. Apples were a fair crop. All the small fruits growing wild were very plentiful, viz., gooseberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, cranberries and blackberries. Great quantities of cranberries were gathered on the Black rock, Fox River and Cape D Ore plains, and in other places; besides those kept for home consumption, probably one hundred barrels or more of them have been exported by our merchants.

The retail prices of farm produce in Parrsborough this autumn are nearly as follows, viz., hay 50s. per ton; butter, 1s. 3d. per lb.; Cheese, 9d. per lb.; beef, mutton, lamb and veal, fresh, 3½ per lb.; pork, fresh, 5cts. per lb.; potatoes 2s. per bushel; turnips 2s. per bushel; wheat 10s. per bushel; barley 4s. per bushel; oats 2s. 6d. per bushel; smooth, grey, beechnut, or old buckwheat 5s. per bushel; rough or ground buckwheat 3s. per bushel; peas and beans 8s. per bushel; hops 2s. per lb.; beets and carrots, 4s. per bushel; apples, common, 4s. per bushel; apples, grafted, 8s. per bushel; hayseed 25s. per bushel; cranberries 10s. per bushel; cabbages 1s. per head; onions 5c. per lb.; geese, dressed, 2s. each; turkeys, 7½d. per lb.; chickens, 2s. per pair; ducks, 2s. 6d. per pair; milch cows, £6 each; working oxen, £20 to £25 per

pair; lambs, 10s. each; ewes 15s. each; twilled homespun cloth for trousers, 4s. per yard; Twilled homespun cloth for trousers, cotton and wool, 3s. per yard; flannel, white, cotton and wool, twilled, for blankets, 4s. per yard; homespun, colored, cotton and wool, plain, for womens' frocks, and mens' working jackets and shirts, 3s. per yard; raw hides, 4s. per lb.; wool, 1s. 9d. per lb.; eggs, 9d. per dozen; solo leather, 1s. 6d. per lb.; upper leather, 15s. per side; calf skins, raw 6d. per lb.; calf skins, tanned, 4s. per lb.; sheep skins, with wool on, 4s. each; sheep skins, tanned, 2s. each; lambskins, tanned, 1s. each; woollen yarn, 1s-3d. per skein of 12 knots; socks, 1s. per pair; buckwheat meal, 2c. per lb.; oatmeal, 2c. per lb.; double mittens, 2s. per pair; single mittens, 1s. per pair.

JOHN T. SMITH, Sec'y.

Mill Village, Parrsborough, Nov. 8, 1874.

ST. ANDREW'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, ANTIGONISH CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Pursuant to the Statute and regulations of the Central Board, the St. Andrew's Agricultural Society held its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of December, the President in the chair.

A committee, consisting of Colin Chisholm, Arch. McPhee, and Lauchlin Cameron, Esqs., was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and after due enquiry found the finances to be as follows:

Dr.....	\$446 80
Cr.....	293 14

Which leaves us \$153.66 (one hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-six cents in arrears; we have, however, the Provincial grant for the past year yet to draw upon, which, we trust, will to a great extent liquidate the above debt. Our Society was last year led into somewhat embarrassing circumstances, owing to the expectation that the increased grant from Government would be drawn by the Societies in general. Such was not the case, we regret to state, and hence the straightened position in which we find ourselves to-day. It is, however, somewhat gratifying to report that the subscription list for the past year is increased.

For the past year the society has gone to its utmost limit in the importation of thorough-bred stock. One grade bull from Cornwallis, an excellent animal, was purchased, and meets the approbation of all. Some Leicesters, Southdowns and Shropshire sheep were also brought in from Prince Edward Island, and gave general satisfaction. They were sold: as is usual in such cases, at public auction, and the proceeds came nearly up to cost prices. We have yet on hand the grade Durham Bull brought here two years ago, a very noble animal.

Under existing circumstances the members of our Society, though far too few in numbers, yet are spread over a wide extent of country, indeed through the whole Township of St. Andrew's, and the office-bearers from year to year feel constrained to keep always on hand a heavy stock of cattle, so as to meet the requirements of every section, and sustain the object of the Society, necessitating as it does, the utmost strain on our funds. It is, however, the intention of the Society to dispose of some of the animals next autumn, and to purchase others in their stead. With this object in view the Society

did not refrain from expressing its emphatic and decided view that the Central Board should not neglect or omit its solemn duty in importing and providing the necessary thorough-bred stock for the encouragement of Societies. In the *Journal of Agriculture* for March, 1872, the following memorable observation occurs:

"The impossibility of obtaining in the Province, or within convenient reach, animals sufficient to meet our present or prospective requirements, and the absolute necessity of a large importation by the Board of Agriculture, without which Societies will be completely discouraged;"—a duty we trust the Board will not neglect, and the Government will lay to heart.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—John Cummings; Vice-Pres.—Alan McDonnell; Sec. and Treas.—Duncan Chisholm; Directors.—Colin Chisholm, Arch. MacPhee, Don. Chisholm, Lauchlin Cameron John A. Chisholm, Esqrs.

DONALD CHISHOLM, President.

DUNCAN CHISHOLM, Secretary.

St. Andrew's, 2nd Dec., 1873.

RICHMOND CO. AGRI. SOCIETY.

ST. PETERS, Dec. 2nd, 1873.

We, the officers and Directors of the Richmond Agricultural Society beg to report:

That since the organization of this Society on the 25th of January last, forty-two persons have become members thereof, paying into its funds the sum of forty-three dollars, entitling the Society to draw from the Provincial Treasury the sum of eighty-six dollars; when the Provincial subsidy shall be paid (after Jan. 1.) the Society shall have one hundred and twenty-nine dollars in funds. The members will perceive that as the Provincial subsidy has not yet been received, and as the amount of funds on hand was until recently less than forty dollars, nothing could be done during the past season to promote the object of the Society. We would suggest that a person be sent to the Provincial Exhibition to be held at Halifax in October, 1874, unless a previous opportunity to invest the funds of the Society be obtained) for the purpose of purchasing such stock of improved breed as our means would permit.

The August hurricane did a large amount of damage to the various crops in this county, but more particularly to the potato, and many farmers suffered severely by the loss of their barns and houses, both of which were in many instances blown down. We regret to report the fact that we fear much distress and suffering will exist in several districts the ensuing winter.

We are gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

ROBERT HILL, Pres.

ROBT MCKENZIE, V.P.

D. McRAE, Treas.

M. McRAE, Sec'y.

Directors.—Wm. Calder, Allan McRae, Donald McRae, Donald McInnes, Duncan McLean.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Agricultural Society was held at St. Peter's, on the 2nd day of December, inst., according to law. The present Officers and Directors were all re-elected for the ensuing year. Who also nominated Doctor McDoogall of St. Peter's as suitable for appointment to the Central Board. In reference to the Provin-

cial Exhibition, it was decided that as the Society was only making its "first debou," and as the amount in funds was small, and that as it was not probable that the Society would participate in any benefits from said Exhibition, no sum be voted for that purpose.

M. McRAE, Sec'y.
ROBT HILL, Pres.

St. Peter's, Dec. 2, 1874.

KEMPT AGRI. SOCIETY, QUEENS CO.

Kempt, Queen's Co., Dec., 15th, 1873.
To Prof. Lawson, Sec., Central Board of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR.—The Kempt Agricultural Society held their annual meeting on the 2nd inst., when the following officers were appointed:

Pres.—Zenas Freeman; Vice-Pres.—Edward P. Freeman; Sec.—Wm. E. Freeman; Treas.—Thomas Keillor; Directors.—Henry White, James Fader, James W. Freeman, David Delong, Peter Katherns.

In compliance with your request for a contribution to the Prize Fund of the Provincial Exhibition, our Society voted the sum of \$20 (twenty dollars) for that purpose. This may seem small, but when you consider our comparative poverty, our natural disadvantages, and our want of facilities for attending the Exhibition, I think you must excuse us with that.

Our Society decided to purchase a potato digger, if the Central Board shall decide to import a number, in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Dickson of Parrsboro.

Our Society expended for the purchase of seeds last Spring, which were distributed among members of the Society, - - \$73 97
for stock, - - - - - 45 37

\$119 34

Stock sold at auction for - - - - 28 00

We have now a balance on hand of \$76.66. Have decided to purchase a year old bull from Cumberland County, to cost 30 dollars there.

The hay crop has been a full average one. Potatoes generally good in this district, although they were a failure in the southern part of the County. Turnips and other root crops scarcely an average crop, and grain as a rule not quite an average crop, though the quality is good. Fruit crop quite small.

BARRINGTON AGRI. SOCIETY.

BARRINGTON, Dec. 19, 1873.

Geo. Lawson, Sec. Board Agriculture:

The Barrington Agricultural Society held its annual meeting, in accordance with the law, on the first Tuesday in December. Reports from the Directors and Treasurer were read and approved. The Treasurer's account shows an expenditure of \$83.65 during the year, and the receipts amounted to \$175.09. Leaving a balance on hand of \$91.42.

From the general Report we extract the following:—"The joint Exhibition of Barrington and Clyde Societies came off as advertised, on the second Tuesday of Oct., and proved far more successful than the most sanguine had anticipated. The show in cattle, particularly oxen, was very creditable. Horses and bulls, though not numerous, were very fine. The sample pigs showed the superiority of the Chester over the old breeds, and the sheep showed the advantage of the Cotswold admixture.

Of fowls, some fine specimens of Brahma, Black Spanish, and assorted hens were exhibited, and a good variety of geese, ducks and turkeys.

Although the season was dry and unfavorable for vegetation, yet the show of turnips, blood beet, Belgian and long yellow carrots was very superior, tomatoes also were large and fully ripe. A few good samples of apples and plums showed that this County has capabilities of soil well adapted to fruit growing. The ladies too evinced their skill by a fair display of woollen cloths, stockings, mittens, yarns, quilts, mats, and other articles of household manufacture. Altogether this our first exhibition, though small, has proved a decided success, has given a stimulus to the agricultural interests of the place, and we trust will be followed in succeeding years by more varied and extensive ones. A. C. Doane was elected a representative to the Central Board by this Society.

R. H. CROWELL, Sec'y.

CLYDE RIVER AGRI. SOCIETY.

CLYDE RIVER, Dec. 3rd, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Clyde River Agri. Society was held, according to law, on Dec. 2nd, after due notice given. The accounts of the Sec. and Treas. were presented and approved. They showed:

To bal. from last year.....	\$ 66 14
Subscriptions.....	40 00
Hire of plow.....	1 50
Provincial Grant.....	54 55
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	\$162 19
By seeds, &c.....	\$32 00
Journal of Agriculture.....	4 00
Postages, stationery, &c.....	2 00
Barrington Exhibition.....	20 00
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	58 00

Leaving a bal. to the credit of the Society of \$103 19

The following officers and directors were appointed for the ensuing year:

Pres.—David Sutherland; Vice-Pres.—J. McKay; Sec. and Treas.—M. G. Henry; Directors.—R. Sutherland, B. Crowell, James Gibson, Thos. McKay, Wm. McKay.

The circular with reference to the Prov. Exhibition, asking a subscription for it was read, and in response the sum of twenty-five dollars was voted.

Twelve dollars was likewise voted to Jas. Gibson, on condition that he would keep the grade Alderney bull for a year and not allow it to be sold out of the place.

It was decided hereafter to hold quarterly meetings of the society.

The Society wish to get a potato digger, and ask the Central Board if they order any to reserve one for us.

Very little has been done by the Society during the last year, but it hopes by the accumulation of funds to secure in the first opportunity a full bred Ayrshire bull, and to keep up the breed of white Chester pigs, which has been introduced so successfully.

The crops here last summer were not so good as usual. Hay very light, potatoes of good quality, but below an average crop. The English Flourball introduced by the Society last year have done very well. It has proved a good yielder, so far as we can judge from the limited quantity planted. Good size—rather firm solid texture.

The Committee met and nominated Robt. Sutherland as a candidate for the Central Board. M. G. HENRY, Secretary.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Upper Nine Mile River, Dec. 15th, 1873.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at the Good Templar's Hall, Upper Nine Mile River, the President in the chair, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres.—Samuel Blois; Vice-Pres.—Donald McPhee; Secretary.—J. A. Thompson; Asst. Secretary.—Robert Brechin, snr.; Treas.—John Caldwell. Directors.—Donald A. McPhee, David McDonald, Roderick McKenzie, Donald Grant, and John A. McPhee.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved; the accounts were examined and found correct.

By members' subscriptions.....	\$63 00
To paid for books for Society.....	\$2 00
G. P. Thompson, Secretary.....	5 00
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	7 00

Balance in Treasurer's hand.....\$56 00

At a meeting held on June 21st, this Society was formed of 63 members, each paying one dollar.

A movement was made for the purchase of two bulls and five rams, but for want of sufficient means proved a failure for this year. It is anticipated that the year's experience, and its success, will be followed by better results in the coming year.

In reference to the crops in this locality, we would say that hay is below the average yield of last year's crop. Wheat, very sparingly sown, and but a poor crop when cultivated. Oats, an average crop. Barley: owing to the failure of wheat for some years past this crop is more largely sown, and generally yields well. Potatoes, a good crop, and of good quality. Fruit, a failure, owing to the heavy wind storms of last August.

The officers of this Society have nominated Samuel Blois, Esq., as a candidate to the Central Board.

SAMUEL BLOIS, President.
GEO. P. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

STIRLING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NEW ANNAN, Dec. 30th, 1873.

The Report of the Stirling Agricultural Society may be briefly summed up as follows:

The annual meeting of this Society was held in Wilson's School house, on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.

The minutes of the last general meeting of the Society were read and approved.

The Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, presented the financial statement and accounts for the year, when it was moved that they be received as correct—passed unanimously.

The Society then proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were appointed:

President.—David Wilson; Vice-President.—John Porteous; Treasurer.—Wm. Byers; Secretary.—Wm. Creighton. Directors.—Jas. Johnson, Jas. Murdoch, jr., James Cox, John Porteous, jr., and John Swan, snr.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the Society the subject of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, when it was moved and resolved that the sum of twenty-five dollars be given to the above exhibition to be deducted from the grant of 1874.

This Society has been furnished within the

year from Mr. Rottie of Truro with a bull calf, and at the Truro exhibition, a boar pig of the Berkshire breed, and from other parties four rams, which are distributed among the members of the Society.

The office-bearers of the Society proceeded, in terms of the new Act, to nominate a person suitable for appointment to the Central Board of Agriculture, Moved by John Porteous, seconded by Wm. Creighton, and passed unanimously, that Israel Longworth, Esq., be nominated by this Society as a suitable person to be a member of the Central Board of Agriculture.

The following are the receipts and expenses of the Society:

RECEIPTS.	
Bal. from last year.....	\$99 55
Prov. Grant, less Agri. Journals.....	30 79
Members subscriptions.....	46 00
Boar sold.....	5 50
	\$181 84
EXPENSES.	
Bull calf.....	\$25 60
Freight of do.....	2 50
Four rams.....	17 25
Freight of do.....	5 10
Boar pig.....	10 00
Freight of do.....	3 25
Ring for bull, &c.....	1 00
Loss on seeds.....	74
Sec. salary, postages, &c.....	6 50
	71 34
	\$110 50

DAVID WILSON, Treasurer.
WM. CREIGHTON, Sec'y.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLEMENTS' TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, 2ND DEC.

The annual report of a Society which has not existed a year must needs be brief. We have purchased at comparatively low figures, two approved bulls for the improvement of stock in this township. We have paid in full for one, and anticipate receiving enough out of the Provincial grant to aid us to pay for the other. Our meetings are well attended when called, and there is a growing interest amongst our seventy-five members to encourage us to hope for the future. A statement of our accounts is submitted. We have nominated Charles Whitman, Esq., as our representative at the Central Board. We authorize the Secretary of that Board to retain ten dollars out of our future provincial grant, towards the grand Exhibition preparing for the next year. And we ask you to order ten copies of the *Agricultural Journal* to be forwarded to the Secretary to be paid for as advertised. All which is respectfully submitted.

Clements Township Agricultural Society in account with the Treasurer, 2nd Dec. 1873.

DR.	
To purchase bull Sir Gaspard.....	\$51 00
Expenses and travel.....	11 84
	\$ 62 84
To purchase bull Sir John.....	\$40 00
Expenses and travel.....	7 45
	47 45
Keeping Sir John 7 weeks.....	7 00
Postage and paper.....	41
Printing Rules, 100 copies.....	2 75
Cash in hand.....	4 55
	\$125 00
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By amount subscriptions paid up.....	\$75 00
Cy cash advanced by president.....	50 00
	\$125 00

The following are the officers:
President.—Cerenno Purdy; *Vice-President.*—Dow Potter; *Sec. and Treas.*—W. M. Godfrey. *Directors.*—Aaron Potter, Scott Wade, Abraham Dilmas, Oliva Wilnor, Charles Potter.
CERENNO PURDY, Treas.
W. M. GODFREY, Sec'y.

PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.	
1872. Dec. To balance due late Treasurer.....	\$ 23 47
1873. Oct. 15. Paid prizes Exhibition held at Durham this date.....	155 00
Aaron McKean.....	2 00
For nails.....	32
For boards.....	4 00
Dec. 2. Grant & Co. Printing.....	36 50
Robert McCammell.....	25 15
John McKenzie.....	4 00
	\$255 74
Dec. 2. To balance due.....	\$ 21 02
1873. Mar. 20. By Provincial allowance.....	40 14
Cash from Gairloch Society.....	45 00
Oct. 15. Cash at hall door on day of Exhibition.....	43 38
Cash for boards sold.....	2 75
Dec. 2. Members' dues for 1873.....	101 00
Subscription, S. H. Holmes.....	6 00
Rob't McCammell.....	5 45
Rob't Grant.....	1 00
Balance.....	21 02
	\$255 74

ST. ANN'S AGRI. SOCIETY.

South Gut, Dec. 2, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—The St. Ann's Agricultural Society met in annual meeting this day, in terms of the Act. All officers present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's accounts were read and proved correct. The same officers were continued in office for the ensuing year. It was agreed in the mean time to contribute the sum of \$15 towards the fund for carrying out the Provincial Exhibition of 1874.

Respecting the working of the Society, I have only to remark that evident improvements have been effected through the instrumentality of the Society in this district since its organization in September, 1864. Quite a large amount of agricultural implements necessary for facilitating manual labour has been distributed and turned to good account, which would not hitherto have been thought of, had they not been introduced by the Society. The improvement in the sheep stock, by means of imported ewes and rams of the South Down and Lincolner breeds is very visible. But the most remarkable improvement, and the one most likely to give general satisfaction, is that brought about by the introduction of the Ayrshire breed, through the bull purchased by the Society in the fall of 1870. The change produced by this animal is so observable, that parties who had at first been quite indifferent about the animal, and in fact about any change in the line of stock, imagining that all differences in animals spring from the different kinds of feeding, are now convinced that the introduction of improved stock is of the greatest importance.

As to the result of the harvest, it is so generally known that it is scarcely necessary to refer to it here. It is true the hay crop in this district was a general average, but then a good part of it had been destroyed by the gale of the 24th August, which blew down

quite a number of barns, and scattered the hay in all directions, leaving it exposed until a good deal of it had been totally destroyed. The grain and potato crop suffered severely by the same notable gale. The grain crop in particular was so completely broken down that it made little or no progress after the gale. JOHN MORRISON, Sec'y to Society.

P. S.—David McCurly, Esq., M. P. P., was nominated on the part of the Society for the Central Board.



My annual catalogue of Vegetable and Flower seed for 1875, will be ready by Jan. 1st for all who apply. Customers of last season need not write for it. In it will be found several valuable varieties of new vegetables introduced for the first time this season, having made new vegetables a specialty for many years. Growing over a hundred and fifty varieties on my several farms, I would particularly invite the patronage of market gardeners and all others who are especially desirous to have their seed pure and fresh, and of the very best strains. All seeds sent out from my establishment are covered by three warrants as given in my catalogue.

JAMES J. H. GREGORY,
Marblehead, Mass.

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

PRIZES of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 will be given at the next Annual Exhibition of the County Agricultural Society for the best, second best and third best Bouquets, composed solely of Flowers grown in the grounds belonging to any Public Free School of the County.

No School to receive more than one prize, but may compete for all, and notice of competition to be sent to the Inspector of Schools in August.

Nov 19 CHARLES E. BROWN.

THOROUGH-BRED DEVONS.

There will be sold by Public Auction at the Richmond R. R. Depot, Halifax, on Wednesday, 6th January, at two o'clock, the thorough-bred Devon Cow MARGARET; also a thorough-bred Devon HEIFER, and a thorough-bred Devon BULL CALF, now six months old. Undoubted Pedigrees will be furnished with all the animals. Margaret took the first prize at the Great Provincial Show at Hamilton, Ont., in September 1872, as the best two year old Heifer. The Bull Calf and Heifer are her progeny.

By order of the Halifax Co. Agricultural Society.
GEORGE LAWSON, Secretary.
Halifax, Dec. 25, 1874.

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FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

Being about to renew subscription to a paper, with other members from this County, it will give me pleasure to add names from any County in the Province, annual membership \$1.00, life \$10.00, send P. O. order before 25th Dec., to the Subscriber, or after that date, at any time, to D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines, Ont. Extract from letter from D. W. Beadle:

"The Reports procured from so many of your Counties contain so much valuable information on fruit culture in your Province, that they will be all printed in extenso in our forthcoming Report, part of which is now in the hands of the printer."
CHARLES E. BROWN.

Yarmouth, 2nd Dec, 1874.