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REPORT

OF THE SHEDIAC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Report of the Shediac District Agricultural Society, held at the Madras School-house, on the first day of February, 1851, embracing a short abstract for the past year, of its progress, and expenditure of the moiety of money received from Government.

The Shediac District Agricultural Society, was formed on the 18th day of April, 1850, and Mr HENRY LIVINGSTON, chosen President with other officers. On the 10th day of October, the Annual Cattle Show, Show of Grain, and Ploughing Match was held, and the following prizes awarded:—

Best Bull, John McDougal,	£1 0 0
2nd do., Maxin Budro,	0 15 0
Best Bull Calf, Bryant Connors,	0 15 0
Best Cow, Silvang Babinot,	1 0 0
Best Heifer, Richard Johnston,	0 15 0
2nd do., Dominique Cormea,	0 10 0
Best Heifer Calf, Silvang Babinot,	0 10 0
Best Ram, William Huston,	0 12 6
2nd do., Anthony Simpson,	0 10 0
Best Ram Lamb, Henry Livingston,	0 10 0
Best Pair Ewes, Anthony Simpson,	0 12 6
Best Ewe Lamb, Henry Livingston,	0 12 6
Best Boar, Philip Chapman,	0 10 0
Best Sow, John Harshman,	0 10 0
2nd do., Charles Dickie,	0 7 6
Best Brood Mare, G. W. Fernald,	1 0 0
Best Pig, Charles Dickie,	0 10 0
2nd do., Peter White,	0 7 6
Best Tub Butter, John McDougal,	0 12 6
2nd do., David Armour,	0 10 0
3rd do., Bryant Connors,	0 7 6
Best 2 bushels Red Wheat, 65½ lbs., David Armour,	0 12 6
2nd do., do., 65 lbs., Bryant Connors,	0 10 0
3rd do., do., 65 lbs., Philip Chapman,	0 7 6
Best 2 bushels White Wheat, 64 lbs., Robert C. Atkinson,	0 12 6
2nd do., do., 64 lbs., John McDougal,	0 10 0
3rd do., do., Samuel Robicheau,	0 7 6
Best 2 bushels Oats, John McDougal,	0 10 0
2nd do., Silvang Babinot,	0 7 6
3rd do., John Harshman,	0 5 0
Best 2 bushels Barley, Frank Gouvang,	0 10 0
2nd do., Samuel Robicheau,	0 7 6
Best half acre Turnips, Henry Livingston,	0 15 0
2nd do., Robert Atkinson,	0 10 0
Best 12 heads of Cabbage, Anthony Simpson,	0 5 0
Best bushel Turnips, William Huston,	0 5 0
Best bushel Carrots, Asa Rand,	0 5 0
Best bushel Beets, E. J. Smith,	0 5 0
Best 8 yards Tartan Homespun, John McDougal,	0 10 0
Best 8 yards plain Homespun, Silvang Babinot,	0 10 0
Best 5 yards Woolen Hose, Richard Johnston,	0 5 0
Best bushel Apples, Maxin Gould,	0 5 0
Best half dozen Squashes, Maxin Budro,	0 5 0

The Annual Ploughing Match took place the same day, in Messrs. Milne's field in this parish. The specimens were creditable to the competitors, eleven ploughs were in the field competing with each other, seven of whom were rewarded with prizes amounting in all to seven pounds five shillings. The animals exhibited at the Cattle Show, though not in each individual instance deserving of high eulogium, yet certainly in the whole, constituted a fair beginning, and would have been no discredit to more practised farmers.

The Treasurer's Account for 1850.

Dr.	
Amount paid for Premiums,	£29 2 6
Seedsman's Account,	31 4 3½
2 Fanning Machines,	12 13 0
Commissions to Seedsman,	1 2 0
3 Rams of Dishely Breed,	7 10 0
Printing Handbills,	0 10 0
Secretary's Book,	0 5 0
Postage,	0 10 5
Treasurer's Commission, 2½ per cent.,	2 4 6
Cash in hand,	6 14 5½
	£91 16 2
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Members' Subscription,	£27 10 0

Provincial Grant, all obtained,	42 10 0
Money received for seeds sold,	20 0 0
Money received for Seeds,	1 16 2
	£91 16 2

Few Districts in the Province, possess greater natural advantages for Agriculture, than this parish affords; and it is evident, that with due attention to Agriculture, an abundant supply of food can be raised to supply both man and beast. But in the mean time, more care ought to be taken in selecting suitable seeds and animals. This Society would recommend warmer stables for animals, also a bountiful supply of Turnips and other roots as being very beneficial for all kinds of stock as winter fodder.

It is gratifying, however, to perceive the evidence around us of a better state of things the tokens of a disposition in the community at large, to give the preference to Agriculture and Home Manufactures, and to make other pursuits subservient to them. The recurrence of a few fruitful seasons is alone required to establish the confidence of our population in agricultural pursuits. This District has not been visited so severely in times past, with the Potato blight and other diseases, as in many other parts of the Province. This ought to fill our minds with earnest gratitude to the Disposer of all Good, but in the midst of our present comparative poverty, it behoves us to cultivate strict habits of industry, temperance, frugality, and perseverance in the pursuit of agriculture, as being the main stay and sure support of the human family.

The Secretary was requested to read the Report of the past year, which, having been done, it was moved by G. W. Fernald, and seconded by Captain Milne, and

Resolved unanimously, The Report now read by the Secretary, being highly satisfactory, and creditable to this Society, be received and adopted, that the same be published in the Saint John Morning News, and Miramichi Gleaner, Newspapers.

The President of the Society now pronounced the business of the year completed, and forthwith vacated the Chair.

Philip Chapman, Esq., was called thereto, after some complimentary remarks regarding the zeal and ability, with which Henry Livingston, Esq., had presided over the Society since its formation in 1850, it was moved by John Harshman, and seconded by Captain Anthony Simpson, that the thanks of this Society are due to that gentleman for his unceasing exertions in promoting and advancing the interests of this Society, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then gave notice, that a District Agricultural Society would be immediately organized for 1851, as a large attendance of the principal farmers and others in the parish were present.

It was then moved by E. J. Smith, Esq., and seconded by Capt. William Milne, that Henry Livingston, Esq., be re-elected as President, for the present year, and the following office bearers chosen for 1851, which passed unanimously.

President.—Henry Livingston, Esq.
Vice Presidents.—Phillip Chapman, Esq., and Capt. Wm. Milne,
Treasurer.—Rev. Dr. G. S. Jarvis.
Corresponding Secretary.—Robert Atkinson.
Directors.—E. J. Smith, Anthony Simpson, John Welling, James L. Davis, William Atkinson, Seedsman, John Harshman, John McDougal, Pascal Porrier. With liberty to add four more at the next meeting.

R. ATKINSON, Rec. Secretary.
Shediac, Feb. 1, 1851.

COUNTY KENT.

REPORT OF THE CARLETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

For the year ending 28th January, 1851.
The friends of Agriculture in the parish of Carleton, met together by appointment, for the first time, on the 10th day of January,

1850, to ascertain whether there could not be a Society formed in the Parish, and the meeting was unanimously of opinion that it ought to be tried. A list was at once prepared, to which all present affixed their names, and many gave donations. The meeting being convinced of the practicability of a society being formed, named a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board of Directors for the year, drew up a code of Rules, and appointed a committee to obtain members.

Shortly after it was reported by the Treasurer, that a sum of money was in his hands sufficient to enable the society to obtain a portion of the liberal Grant made by the Legislature for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies. In a short time after the necessary steps were taken, and the sum of Fifty Pounds was obtained from the Province chest. A meeting of the Board was then called to consider in what way the funds at their disposal, should be expended to benefit the Society, and promote the cause of Agriculture, came to the conclusion to appropriate only a part of their means the present season, as it was too late (the month of May) to procure good Seeds. They decided that the sum of £8 should be given in prizes to the best Ploughmen, deeming that one of the most important requisites of a good Farmer, and £10 in Prizes for the best Grains and Domestic Manufactures. The remainder of the funds to remain on hand, to procure Seeds for the ensuing season, and such other articles as the Board may think most useful or beneficial to the interests of the Society.

The 24th October being the day fixed for the Ploughing Match, and from the time it was made known until the day of trial, it must have been gratifying to the friends of the society to witness the anxiety many of the young men displayed, to improve themselves, and have all things ready for the coming trial. But the period was short, and the old hands, or the already perfect ones, had the advantage; it gave strong proof, however, that there will be harder struggle between the new beginners and the old, the next year. The day for the match proved most auspicious, and at the hour appointed for the Ploughmen to meet, there had congregated a large concourse both of spectators and competitors, the latter with their ploughs and teams, all in the highest spirits. At the hour of ten, the Ploughs started, and shortly after two, the three judges, Messrs. Hetherington, Richardson, and Graham, made their appearance, when the field ploughed was at once deserted and left to them. After a most rigid examination, they awarded the prizes as follows:

- First Class—
E. Tweedie, first prize.
James Patterson, second.
John Potter, third.
William Bell, fourth.
John Tweedie, fifth.
- Second Class—
Nicholas White, first prize.
John Bobane, second.
Isadore Barrio, third.
Luke Daigle, fourth.
Nicholas Daigle, fifth.

The morning the 24th January, the day appointed for the Exhibition of Grains and Domestic Manufactures, was fine, and it was truly gratifying to behold the numbers who came flocking from various quarters to the show, and many of them with something to exhibit of their own production or manufacture; and others to encourage their neighbours, and not with an expectation of carrying away a prize. By the hour of ten o'clock the following articles were entered. Twenty sacks of Wheat, of none less than 65 lbs. per bushel, the heaviest 68 lbs. Eleven sacks of Oats. Four of Barly. Ten of Pease. Five samples Timothy Seed, one bushel each. Seven corks Butter. Twenty-two pieces Cloth and Flannels. Hats, Bonnets, &c. These

were all numbered and ticketed as they came in, and the names of the owners, &c. entered in a book. The Judges were then admitted. Those for grains, were Messrs. Callender Sutton, and Patten; of manufactures Messrs. Dwyer, Mackay, and Cormeaux, who commenced weighing, measuring, and comparing the whole in the most careful manner. They awarded prizes as follows.

- Best Red Wheat, William Bell.
Second do. Bosel White.
Best White Wheat, James Patterson.
Second do. John Atkinson.
Best Oats, Elie Babinot.
Second do. William Saunders.
Best Timothy Seed, Bosel White.
Best Barley, Peier Votour.
Best Pease, John Potter.
Best Clover Seed, William Bell.
Best Butter, Mrs. Grogan.

The Judges report their task to have been a very difficult one, as it was hard to discriminate between the quality and weight of many of the articles, more particularly of the wheat. What was produced that day was sufficient to silence all who dare speak against this as a grain growing country, for it is very doubtful if the wheat can be surpassed in the world. Many of the farmers say that their last year's wheat was heavier by two or three lbs. per bushel. The Butter and Cloth were also excellent; indeed, the whole of the articles produced, speak much in favor of both the soil and the industry of the people.

The interest manifested by all, both in the Ploughing Match and Show of Grains, assures us, that the society is calculated to do much good; that the spirit of emulation and improvement is rife; and no exertion will be spared by many who were unsuccessful at the trials, to be victorious next time. This is what is wanting to cause Farming to go ahead, and to make this parish one of the first farming districts in America. The land of Carleton cannot be surpassed by any in British North America, and as its cultivation has now become the primary object of a large majority of its inhabitants, which has not hitherto been the case, we live in the pleasing expectation that the day is not far distant when the parish will supply itself with all the necessaries of life. This society it is expected, will do much towards bringing about this desirable consummation.

The Annual meeting of the Society was held on the 28th January, at the house of Mr. G. White. The Board met an hour previously, and audited the accounts, and a balance of £55 was found to be in the hands of the Treasurer. The President having declared that the business of the Office bearers for the year as being ended, the members then proceeded to the appointment of others. The following persons were then appointed Office bearers for the present year.
Revd. H. McQuirk, President,
John Potter, Vice-President,
German White, Treasurer.
James Fraser, Secretary,
William S. Caie, Recording Secretary.
Board of Directors—John Tweedie, Lewis Daigle, Luke Richard, William Bell, Elie Babinot, John Graham, Robert Powel, Peier Votour, and James Patterson.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS. NEW BRUNSWICK.

We take the following extracts from Mr Ritchie's Speech in closing the Debate on Want of Confidence in the Government.

The only member who had come fairly before the house, and staked his character in defence of the government, and asserted his full confidence in them, was his hon. friend from Restigouche, Mr Montgomery: he alone had ventured to say that he or the country had confidence in the government. But the hon. member, Mr Barberie, who had been the bosom friend of the leaders of the government for nearly 20 years; who stood side by side with them on the floor of the house; and had never been known to vote against them; who had been the right-hand supporter of the principles of the party—what had been his language?—the language of a *barrissement*. Why? Because he felt he could not excuse