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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Gloucester County Agricultural Society, was held in the Court House Bathurst, on the afternoon of Friday, the Sixth day of January, it having been adjourned from the previous week in consequence of a heavy snow storm. The early part of the day was occupied with the Exhibition of Grains, Roots, Dairy Produce, and Domestic Manufactures.

The Show was a very successful one, and the attendance of Members and Visitors large. The quality of the Grains, more particularly the Wheat, which averaged 64½ lbs. per bushel, was fully equal to that of any former year. The samples of Butter were both numerous and fine; and the Domestic Manufactures, especially the Homespun Cloth and Flannel, were greatly admired for their superior texture.

The Managing Committee were Messrs. Bishop, Ferguson, and the Secretary. The Judges of Grain and Roots, Messrs. Matheson, Barbour and Moody; and of Dairy Produce and Domestic Manufactures, Messrs. Carman, G. Smith, and McManus.

At 3 o'clock P. M., the President, S. L. Bishop, took the Chair, when the following list of the Prizes was called over:

Wheat best, James Galbraith,	£1 4 0
Second best, William Fleck,	0 16 0
Third best, Edward Baldwin,	0 10 0
Barley best, John Chalmers,	0 16 0
Second best, William Napier,	0 12 0
Third best, Robert Ferguson,	0 6 0
White Oats best, James Chalmers,	0 12 0
Second best, William Fleck,	0 9 0
Third best, John Chalmers,	0 6 0
Black Oats best, Mrs James,	0 12 0
Second best, John Armstrong,	0 9 0
Third best, William Waterson,	0 6 0
Pease best, James Chalmers,	0 12 0
Second best, Mrs James,	0 8 0
White Beans best, Bela Packard,	0 10 0
Second best, Mrs Miller,	0 6 0
Timothy Seed best, John Chalmers,	0 12 0
Second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 8 0
Indian Corn best, Anthony Rainny,	0 9 0
Buckwheat best, Alexander Fraser,	0 9 0
Carrot Sred best, John Flanery,	0 8 0
Turnip Seed best, John Flanery,	0 8 0
Mangel Wortzel best, John Ferguson,	0 8 0
Second best, John Flanery,	0 6 0
Red Beets best, John Ferguson,	0 8 0
Second best, John Flanery,	0 6 0
Swedes best, John Flanery,	0 8 0
Second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 6 0
Yellow Turnip best, Robert Ferguson,	0 8 0
Second best, Mrs James,	0 6 0
Carrots best, William Malloy,	0 8 0
Second best, Bela Packard,	0 6 0
Cheese best, James Galbraith,	0 16 0
Second best, John Chalmers,	0 10 0
Butter best, William Fleck,	0 16 0
Second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 10 0
Third best, David Landell's,	0 6 0
Colored Cloth all Wool best, William Waterson,	0 14 0
Second best, William Malloy,	0 10 0
White Flannel all Wool best, William Malloy,	0 10 0
Col'd Cloth Cotton and Wool best, John Chalmers,	0 8 0
Second best, James Chalmers,	0 6 0
Ditto for Womens' wear best, Mrs James,	0 8 0
Second best, James Galbraith,	0 6 0
Flannel, Cotton and Wool best, Thos. Armstrong,	0 8 0
Second best, Bela Packard,	0 6 0
Plaid all Wool best, William Malloy,	0 8 0
Blankets complete best, Robert Barbour,	0 8 0
Cotton and Wool Plaiding best, Wm. Malloy,	0 8 0
Second best, Mrs Miller,	0 6 0
Double Mitts best, William Waterson,	0 6 0
second William Malloy,	0 4 0
Mens' Socks best, William Waterson,	0 6 0
Second best, Anthony Rainny,	0 4 0
Womens' Stockings best, Mrs Miller,	0 6 0

£24 8 0

The Secretary then at the request of the Chairman, read the following

REPORT.

The period has again come round which requires the Committee to lay before the Annual Meeting a statement of the business of the past year, and to bring under general notice, the working of the Society. In doing so it will be well to draw the attention of Members and others to the purpose for which Agricultural Societies were called into existence, in order to enable them the better to judge of the usefulness of this one; for there can be no doubt that every Institution of this kind will only be entitled to the confidence of the public, and the support of the Government, while it continues to advance the object for which it was instituted.

In looking at the terms of the Legislative Grants made

for Agriculture, it will be observed, that the intention is to encourage Agriculture as a science. Those grants are on a liberal scale, and what is required in the first place is, that the Inhabitants of any County or District should form themselves into a Society, and contribute a comparatively small sum to mark their interest in the cause, and to entitle them to the Bounty. In placing the grants at the disposal of the respective Societies, the Government, in the exercise of a very judicious supervision, requires in return, that the money shall be applied in such a way as that the general good of the County shall be promoted—that private individuals shall only be entitled to benefit therefrom, so far as it will tend to advance the general good, and that correct and well authenticated returns, duly sworn to, shall be regularly made.

The most legitimate way in which this object is sought to be obtained, is by the importation of Stock, Seeds, and Implements of Agriculture, of a description superior to that which can be obtained in the County; and by offering, at public Exhibitions, prizes to encourage competitors to excel in the growth and manufacture of the various Products of the County. The reason why the prizes and the sale of imported animals and articles, are occasionally limited to Members of the Society, is not for the purpose of benefiting them exclusively, but to induce others to become Members, and thereby to extend its influence and usefulness; for it is a grave mistake to conclude because the prize is not open to all, that the general good is therefore not promoted. Experience has already taught us, that many who never were, and probably never intend to become members of the Society, are at this moment deriving benefit from its efforts. We instance, in support of this, the fact of the Gloucester Society's breed of Cattle being found at the extremity of the County, of its breed of imported Sheep extending up the rivers and into the various settlements, and of its most superior breed of Hogs being raised in every district of the upper part of the County.

In applying these general rules to the working of this Society, the Committee have not always met with that success which they desired. In seeking to obtain articles of a new and improved description they have occasionally received articles not well adapted to the circumstances of the country, and in striving to give a tone of disinterestedness, liberality and energy to the Institution, they have not unfrequently had to contend with a spirit of distrust, selfishness and lukewarmness. Notwithstanding these discouragements, your Committee have persevered in that course of action which, in their judgment, is best calculated to benefit, not only the Members of the Society, but also the inhabitants of the County at large, and which will enable them to make such returns to the Government as will entitle the Institution to the benefit of farther Provincial aid.

It will be in the recollection of Members that the day set apart for holding the Grain Show and the Annual Meeting was altered from the last week in February, to the last week in December, to enable the Officers of the Society to comply with the requirements of the Law, which demands "by the first day of January a statement of the Society's proceedings in relation to the expenditure of the monies received from the Treasury, specifying the nature of the encouragement proposed by the Society, and the object for which these premiums have been offered."

By the month of June, the period when the Subscription Lists were called in, the Treasurer had received a sufficient amount in donations and subscriptions, to entitle the Society to the Legislative appropriation, and the President having made an application to the Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by the necessary certificates, a warrant issued for eighty two pounds.

At a special meeting in June, the committee appointed two of their number to order from Great Britain and the United States, a selection of improved articles of husbandry. An unsuccessful attempt having been before made to procure the articles from Scotland, this order was transmitted to England, from whence were imported—two Iron Cheese Presses, two Iron Grubbers or Drill Harrows, two Iron Ploughs, one Expanding Drill Plough, one Turnip Drill and several Dung and Potato Forks. The Cheese Presses, Grubbers and Turnip Drill proved superior articles, but the Ploughs, (Howard's Prize Iron Plough) being of a description used in England, were not considered by the members so well adapted for the Country as Wikkie's or Gray's Scotch Plough, and the Forks proved very inferior. All the articles from the United States, a few of those from Britain, together with a barrel of Clover Seed, were sold shortly after their arrival, and brought nearly costs and charges, less Province duties. The remainder were nearly all disposed of this day at public competition.

The Legislature having agreed to appropriate to each County in the Province, a sum of money not to exceed two hundred pounds, in aid of the importation of a superior Stud Horse from Great Britain, Canada, or the United States, and communications having been received from the Secretaries of the New Brunswick, York, and Northumberland Societies, inviting your Committee to unite with them and others to send to Great Britain a suitable person to select the Horses for each County, your Committee readily acceded to the offer, and a few of its members having become personally responsible for the sum required to be advanced, transmitted to the agent in Fredericton, a credit for £215, with the intimation that the Horse was not to be purchased unless it could be shipped exclusively for the Gloucester Society, and insurance could be effected so as to cover every risk, either from the dangers of the seas, from sickness, or from injury

on the passage. This security it was thought could not be obtained, consequently the Horse was not imported; and it remains for our successors to decide whether it might be better to fall back on our original proposition, and send to Canada for a Horse.

On Tuesday, the 4th October, the Society's Annual Cattle Show and Ploughing Match was held on Mr Doucett's farm in the vicinity of the town of Bathurst, under the management of Doctor Bishop and Mr Matheson.

The preceding day was stormy and rain prevailed throughout the whole of Monday evening; this to a certain extent had an unfavorable effect on the Show, but it did not sufficiently account for the limited number of Cattle and Ploughs on the ground. Several classes of animals indicated a steady improvement in the breed, but the Exhibition on the whole, did not equal that of former years. There were on the ground twenty seven Bulls, Cows and Heifers; three Entire Horses, eight Brood Mares and Foals; twenty five Sheep and six Hogs.

The Judges, Messrs. Chalmers, Waterson, Anderson, and Matheson, awarded the following prizes:

FOR PLOUGHING.

First prize to Robert Moody,	£1 0 0
Second prize to Alexander Taylor,	0 15 0
Third prize to Charles Doucett,	0 12 6
Fourth prize to Robert Barbour,	0 7 6

FOR CATTLE

Best Bull calved in 1851, Charles Doucett,	0 8 0
Best do. calved in 1852, Alexander Fraser,	0 6 0
Best Bull Calf, Robert Ferguson,	0 4 0
Best Cow aged, Robert Ferguson,	0 12 0
second best do, Mrs John Miller,	0 8 0
third best do., Thomas Armstrong,	0 5 0
Best Heifer calved in 1851, Robert Ferguson,	0 8 0
second best do, C. Hotchkies,	0 6 0
third best do, Thomas Armstrong,	0 4 0
Best Heifer calved in 1852, Mrs John Miller,	0 6 0
second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 4 0
third best, Charles Doucett,	0 3 0
Best Heifer Calf, Robert Ferguson,	0 4 0
Second best, Charles Doucett,	0 3 0

SHEEP.

Best Ewe aged, William Napier,	£0 6 0
second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 4 0
Best Ewe sheering, William Napier,	0 6 0
Best Ewe Lamb, William Napier,	0 6 0
second best, Samuel L. Bishop,	0 4 0
Best Shearling Ram, Robert Ferguson,	0 6 0
Best Ram Lamb, William Napier,	0 6 0
second best, C. Hotchkies,	0 4 0

HORSES.

Best Entire Horse, Robert Moody,	0 16 0
second best, Alexander Fraser,	0 8 0
Best Brood Mare, Robert Barbour,	0 12 0
second best, Robert Ferguson,	0 6 0
Best Mare Foal, do,	0 6 0
second best, Alexander Taylor,	0 6 0

HOGS.

Best Boar, Robert Moody,	0 10 0
Best Sow, Samuel L. Bishop,	0 10 0
Best Spring Sow, Robert Moody,	0 4 0

£12 16 0

The state of the Treasurer's Account up to this evening is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at the close of the last Annual Meeting,	£32 7 5
Subscriptions received afterwards up to June 1853,	8 0 0
Nett amount of sales of Clover Seed,	6 5 0
Ditto of sale of Society's Boar,	3 0 0
Ditto of sales of Agricultural Implements,	10 8 0
Amount of Province Warrant,	52 0 0
Subscriptions received up to December 22,	4 10 0
Donations, James A. Pierce, Esq., per Wm. Napier,	3 11 6
Donations Sundries, at Grain Show,	2 9 0
Nett amount of sales Agricultural Implements,	27 7 8
	£178 19 1

EXPENDITURE.

Record Book for Society's proceedings,	£0 7 6
Prizes at Cattle Show and Ploughing Match,	12 16 0
Sprague, Soule & Co., Implements United States,	7 12 4
Morice, Napier & Co., do from England,	51 11 3
Duties paid on the same,	4 14 11
Robert Moody, for Boar purchased,	5 0 0
Postages on Books from New Brunswick Society,	1 0 10
General Postages, Carriage and Landing charges,	1 1 8
Mr Pierce's Printing Bill, pamphlet and meeting,	7 11 6
Office-rent, Fuel, and Stationary,	2 0 0
Salaries, including Charges at Cattle and Grain Shows,	9 4 0
Prizes at Grain and Domestic Manufactures Exhibition,	24 8 0
Balance unexpended including amount of Agricultural Implements,	51 11 1
	£178 19 1