

Men Co. Ag. Society in account with S. Chandler
 Jan 30, 1874 Treasurer.

Dr. to paid orders drawn by the trustees to the following persons viz

To	Elijah Wood	premium for best milk cow	7.00
"	"	best cow brush	4.00
"	Freeman Foster	" " Ewes	3.00
"	Eros Fairbanks	for building pens	24.84
"	R. H. Greene	premium for best load mare	5.00
"	David Wheelock	" " fat cattle	7.00
"	G. W. Stanley	" " best road horse	8.00
			58.84
"	John Thayer Jr	1 st best cow	6.00
"	"	" machine for weeding ^(corn)	1.00
"	Mrs S. C. & A. Wood	woollen flannel	1.50
"	Thos. Snell	best fow	3.00
"	Jos. C. Metcalf	best churn	2.00
"	Thos. Snell	" draft mare	4.00
"	S. C. & E. Wood	2 nd " boar	2.00
"	Mrs J. A. Metcalf	premium for Shaw's braid	1.00
"	Orson Lane	2 nd best oxen	5.00
"	La Fayette Chandler	2 nd " fow	2.00
"	John Thayer Jr	machine for ridding land	3.00
"	Mrs Susan Bishop	best Heart's King	1.00
			93.34
"	Isaac Bowls	best carpet	4.00
"	Sanford Howard	Best 2 yrd heifer	3.00
"	"	Best Bull	8.00
"	B. W. Varnum	Best Boar	3.00

B. W. Yarnum	3 best Bunch	Not over	111.84
Noah Chandler	best piece full cloth	4.00	
Mrs J. F. Farnsworth	" Counterpane	1.50	
Caron Dagget	2 best Bunch	6.00	
John D. Ince	2 " Cheese	2.00	
Lucie Perkins	" 200 lbs	1.00	
"	" steel plate shovels	3.00	
"	" Horse rake	3.00	
J. Evans	" premium on New Silks	2.00	
Mrs J. E. Haines	best oxen	6.00	141.84
J. L. Pitts	Shoeing Horse &c	1.50	
Charles Foster	" Winter Wheat	2.00	
B. Sawtelle	" Crop Barley	3.00	
Mrs J. A. Nelson	2 " best Butter	2.00	
Thos Pierce	2 " " Butter	3.00	
J. Sumner	best cheese (1832)	1.00	
J. Hooper	" Glaze	4.00	
M. Eaton	" Butter	3.00	
D. McDuffie	" Cheese Press	2.00	
Thos Pierce	3 best Pigs	3.00	
Oakus Howard	" best crop of Hay	3.00	
"	Gratuity on wheat	1.50	
D. Longfellow	best crop Summer wheat	6.00	176.84
E. Wood	2 best crop of Hay	2.00	
"	best in Pearls Oats	3.00	
"	for procuring Scotch Oats from	10.00	
"	by note of society		
Thos Jackson	best crop Indian Corn	6.00	
E. Stanley	2 best carpet	2.00	
J. Mearns	best crop Bunch wheat	2.00	
J. Putmore	best cheese	3.00	
J. Mettling	2 kinds of potatoes from balls	4.00	
E. Wood	2 best crop Winter Pigs	3.00	211.84

Amoyes & Co	printing lotus &c	Not over	211.84
J. Wood	Gratuity on white mustard	2.00	
B. L. Lombard	3 best working oxen	215.84	
J. Benfamin	gratuity on silk reel	4.00	
Walter Haines	2 best crop Indian Corn	3.00	
Geo. W. Fairbanks	3 " " "	4.00	
Elias Gore	gratuity on crop of Hay	2.00	
N. Foster	on crop Mangestressed	1.00	
J. McClure	gratuity on edge tool	2.00	
J. Wickham	2 best summer wheat	3.00	
Oakus Howard	best crop Corn	2.00	
Dudley Fogg	3 best crop 20 Years	3.00	
Nathan Foster	on mulberry tree	2.00	
D. Longfellow	on apples	2.00	
E. Gore	best crop Potatoes	4.00	
Winston Wood	2 best "	2.00	
P. M. Blaisdell	best crop Winter Pigs	4.00	
J. A. Wood	3 best crop Winter Pigs	2.00	
Miss Lydia Cushing	Straw Bonnet	2.00	
V. Foster	Chairman of Com. of Manumty for 1833	2.59.84	
	Fair and Show for 1833 for 4 hours paid	18.00	
	2 true copy attest J. Haines	2269.84	
	Corresponding Secretary of the Men. Co.		
	Ag. Society.		
	Newbury Jan 30. 1834.		
A. B. It will be remembered that a certain sum was reserved in the funds of the Society last year, (see report of Br. Sec. 1833) to defray			

The expenses of publishing a work on the diseases of sheep - the best mode of managing them, together with such other matter as might be conducive to the interests of the Husbandman & Shepherd. I have the pleasure to state that said work is now in the press, and will be issued as soon as the printer can conveniently perform the labor. It was hoped that the committee would have been able to publish it during the past year, but a desire to collect as many facts as possible, and as much information as we could, from practical men, has delayed it longer than was anticipated.

Effort was made by the Chairman of the committee for collecting & publishing the work above mentioned.

Wm. Throp Jan 30. 1834.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Kennebec Agricultural Society

Recd Jan 7 31. 1834

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Ken. Co. Ag. Society Jan 30. 1834

Wm. Prosever G. Greene Esq
Secretary of the State for
the State of Maine

Pursuant to a statute of the state I have with pleasure given a statement of the proceedings of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society for the year past. It being also required that the statement should be accompanied with such remarks as may occur in regard to the subject of Agriculture, ~~the~~ matters relating thereto permit me to say that the interests of Agriculture in this county, tho they face far short of a proper and just standard are evidently increasing. A spirit of improvement has been raised by the distribution of the Society's premiums among our farmers and a laudable pride is manifesting itself in almost every department of the farm. It is with pleasure that these facts are announced, for they demonstrate the utility of Agricultural Societies and prove that the liberality of the state in fostering such institutions will be amply repaid by the increasing prosperity and enterprise which they bring on.

Our farmers have found that by care and attention in rearing the best breeds of

of oxen & other neat cattle they find that the extra expense attendant is abundantly remunerated by the high price which they bring & the steady demand which there is for them. The cattle which have been found most profitable to raise among us are the half blood improved Durham short horns, as they combine as many or more valuable properties in one animal for the purposes for which they are needed in this country than the old native breed or the full bloods. Exceptions to be sure are found, but as a general rule it is believed that this opinion will be fully borne out by the testimony of our practical farmers.

In regard to horses there is considerable attention paid in some parts of the country to the procuring of the best breeds for the various purposes to which that useful animal is put. The full blooded turf horses of Mr Greene of Windsor, The son of Baldpate reared by Dr. Morse of Hallowell & the two horses Hickory and Conqueror owned by Gen. W. Stanley Esq. of Winthrop are cited as specimens of which by proper crossing or putting to mares of different form and capacity would furnish horses suitable for almost any purpose desired.

In regard to sheep, altho we cannot boast of so large flocks as are found in some other & countries of the state, yet it is believed that certain individuals in this country, by ~~raising~~ bestowing great pains & care on the shape and structure of that animal & by breeding with a view to render them not only healthy but so hardy as to brave the severity of ~~their~~ winter and by endeavoring to procure the greatest quantity of fine wool in proportion to the weight of carcass, have rendered their flocks superior to most others in the state.

From a recent examination of some of the largest and most valuable flocks in Maine I am led to conclude that Elijah Wood Esq. of Winthrop has the best flock of ~~Bucks~~ of the Merino breed in the state. The long experience of this gentleman in sheep husbandry and the critical knowledge he has of the nature of this animal & the peculiarities of our climate, render him ~~well~~ ^{well} entitled as a shepherd, to remark ~~ably~~ well pleased that we see him and it is with pleasure that we see him sparing no pains to bring about improvement in the merino both valuable and lasting. Our state is pecu-

= hardly well adapted to rearing sheep and the growing of wool, all that is needed is care and attention in the ^{shep} herd in selecting the Breeds from which he is to breed & put them to females of proper shape & character. Our Farmers have been negligent in this particular and by carelessness in breeding have injured their flocks and suffered by the deterioration. It was by practising a course the reverse of the Careless manner in which many follow among us that the subjects of the Elector of Saxony improved the merinos whilst they procured from Spain & by care in fitting them for their climate & situation realized the ancient fable of the golden fleece and established a rich and lasting source of wealth to their country. By following a similar course Maide may rival any country of the habitable globe in the strength & weight and fineness of her fleece & the consequent value of their flocks. Indifference to this subject will produce the reverse.

Increased attention to the rearing and fattening of swine is taking place in many parts of the State and our farmers are beginning to believe that by procuring the best breeds and by

fattening them with roots apples and
other food nutriment in its nature and
cheap in its production, a source of profit
will be created and more pork than
sufficient for the use of the inhabitants
of Maine be produced.

As it regards Breadstuffs
it is with respect that facts make it
necessary to state that the quantity raised
in Maine still falls far short of the supply
demanded by its inhabitants. That altho
our ~~production~~ abundantly adequate
to the cultivation of wheat yet a vast
amount is consumed which is not raised
within our borders but is brought from
New York and the Western & Southern States.

There seems to be an un-
lack of thought and exertion among our
farmers on the subject, and we daily see
them passing with loads of flour & manure
fartured up the mills of Genessee, wending
their way to the very frontiers of Maine.
The said flour to be consumed ~~by~~ ^{by farmers}
& occupants of land not a whit behind the
soil of Genessee in strength & fertility
It is a plantation of this

I am aware of the importance of this
and many other articles which might be
procured at manufacturing by us it is believed
that the balance of trade is against us, or

if not we are pained only by the excessive
sale of our lumber. Would it not be ad-
visable for the legislature to take some
measures to ascertain the real amount
of breadstuffs imported and indeed the real
facts in regard to our exports & imports of
articles pertaining to our agricultural
interests? In order to remedy any evils
or any defaults we should know all the
facts in regard to them, and while correct
statements in regard to these things
would be valuable in a statistical point
of view they would also show us our strength
& our weakness where we could improve &
where we could not.

The culture of silk still con-
tinues to excite enquiries among many
of our citizens. The belief that it may
be pursued fully cultivated and manufac-
-tured among us is slowly gaining ground
and many are planting mulberry
orchards with a view to commence the
business at a future day. Experiments
during the past year or somewhat of
an extended peache corroborate the
facts deduced from experiments of an
earlier date and prove beyond a doubt
that this article which was formerly
thought congenial only to Italian
suns, or could be brought to perfection
only by Chinese hands can be equally

well cultivated in Maine. Information
upon this subject is all that is wanting
& if the State would expend something
in diffusing more general knowledge
on the subject among the people the
expense would at a future day be
largely repaid by the increased value
of the country arising from the man-
ufacture of this elegant & useful article.

In conclusion permit me in
behalf of the society to present our grateful
sense of the benefits which the government
has bestowed upon us by fostering &
cherishing the agricultural com-
-munity in the bestow^{ing} of funds to
enable them to carry into effect more
completely the designs of the institution.
~~of Association~~. We only regret that so
few countries avail themselves of the
generosity. We are satisfied that such
associations are the only effectual
means of raising farmers to mutual &
reciprocal action, & the only means of
raising the standard of agricultural excellence
higher & higher, until it arrives to perfection
that "under their beneficent provisions, enter-
prise animated by the rationale of

government, will seek out new
resources of wealth, and tax nature
to her utmost limit in multiplying
her boventies upon the labors of the
husbandman."

Respectfully your obt & humble
servant
E Holmes

Corresponding Sec-
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