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Agricultural Society Likely to Get \$1000 for Memorial Pylon

A story in the Kincardine News* about the early history of agricultural societies in Bruce county is worth \$1000—to Kincardine Agricultural Society.

Following the publication of the story, James Cottrill, secretary of the society here made representations to F. A. Lashley, director of agriculture and horticultural societies for Ontario department of agriculture.

In his reply, Mr. Lashley points out that there was a county agricultural society in Kincardine in 1852, while 1859 report mentions the so-

ciety's seventh annual exhibition.

In 1860 there were also societies in Arran, Brant, Carrick, Culross, Greenock, Paisley and Saugeen.

Societies 100 years old or more are entitled to provincial grant of \$1000 to be used for memorial pylon or gateway.

Report in 1860 of the county society lists 102 members; \$102 in subscriptions, \$385 from township societies, \$155.55 from sale of seeds, \$479.98 government grant. From these receipts of \$1122.53, payments

were made to treasurer of \$11.50, copies of "Agriculturist" \$6.50, seeds and freight \$152.42, township branches \$660, premiums \$131.25, expenses \$149.24, leaving \$11.62 to start the new year. Officers were president William Withers, Kincardine; vice-presidents, William Millar, Kincardine and William Blair, Pine River; treasurer, Malcolm Macpherson, Kincardine; secretary, John Mosely, Kincardine.

The report of the exhibitions relates: This society held its seventh annual exhibition at Kincardine on October 4th, 1859. In consequence of the late depression in agricultural affairs, it was not quite so extensively supported as upon former occasions. The horses were of a useful and respectable sort, though rather low in condition. The cattle were good, particularly the young stock. The sheep, in point of quality were very superior to those shown in previous years. Hogs showed a decided improvement. The show of grain was rather limited, but some excellent specimens were exhibited, both in fall and spring wheat. In the roots and vegetable department, the specimens were not only numerous, but very superior in quality, considering the unfavorable weather they had to contend with. Turnips, cabbages, both, white and red, beets, carrots and onions being enormously large. There were some beautiful grapes. Several sorts of cauliflowers, greens & c. Messrs. McInnes showed a most excellent specimen of pearl ash, manufactured at their works in Kincardine. In the mechanical department a great variety of articles were shown which elicited strong recommendations from the judges. The dairy department, produced some most excellent specimens of butter. The display of ladies' fancy work was also very superior.

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