

FLAX AND HEMP.—Very little cultivated. Some good samples, however, were produced.

HAY.—A very poor crop, and much below an average. The failure attributable to the frosts and drought. Some excellent crops, say two tons, were obtained, but the average must be estimated at less than one ton per acre.

POTATOS.—A very good crop, and generally speaking of excellent quality, the yield ran 100 to 300 bushels per acre; average, 120. Late dug potatoes affected by the blight. The quantity cultivated may be estimated at about from one to two acres per 10 acres of farm land.

TURNIPS.—The cultivation is generally receiving increased attention, but the quantity grown is yet inconsiderable; may be estimated at from none at all to ten acres per farm. The average probably not over an acre to each farm of one hundred acres. In particular cases of high cultivation this year, the crop obtained was from 700 to 800 bushels per acre, the average probably ran 400 to 500 bushels.

MANGEL WURZEL.—Considerably less cultivated than turnips, but some excellent crops, say 600 to 800 bushels per acre produced last year.

CARROTS.—Sown in very small quantities, but produce exceedingly well when properly cultivated.

The breeds of cattle in this riding do not occupy the high position, which might be expected from the wealth and position of the owners of land. There are a few lots of purebred animals, and many good common cattle of all grades; but on the whole the County of York must yield to other portions of the country in this respect.

Dairy farming does not receive that attention which it merits, and neither the quantity or the quality of butter and cheese produced can merit high commendation.

Sheep and pigs, are, generally speaking, of a good class. The Leicester, or crosses of the Leicester sheep, and the small breeds of sheep, being the most in favor. The number of sheep kept is not so large as it might be to the advantage, if greater attention were directed to the cultivation of root crops and the raising of wool.

Amongst the important improvements taking place in farming operations, we have much to be sure in alluding to the rapidly increasing

attention which the subject of land drainage is receiving. Tile manufacturers, not only in this but adjoining counties, are selling large quantities, and there appears to be almost a universal awakening to the importance of the subject. One of the Vice-Presidents of this Society, Mr. H. J. Boulton, whose name as widely known as associated with the subject of land drainage, has laid in 50,000 tiles on his farm in Etobicoke during the past season, effectually draining about 40 acres of land, and intends proceeding vigorously with the work in future.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

ETOBICOKE.—One hundred and seventy-eight members; amount of subscriptions and donations, \$363; balance on hand from previous year, \$221 09; public grant, \$188 68; grant from Township Council, \$60; entries at shows and ploughing match, \$84; total receipts, \$916 77. Paid premiums at shows and ploughing match \$611 50; expenses and sundries, \$157 77; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$147 50.

YORK.—Two hundred and fifty members; subscriptions, \$304; government grant, \$99 30; grant from township and York municipalities, \$157; donations, \$149; received from late treasurer, \$20; receipts at show and ploughing match, \$104 99; total received, \$834 29. Paid premiums, \$516; expenses, \$226 84; balance in treasurer's hands, \$91 45. The exhibition, the directors report, was highly satisfactory, both in the number and quality of the animals and articles exhibited, the number of entries being over one thousand.

Extracts from Report:—

The Township of York rates very high in its growth of the cereals, and this year it has not lost its standing. Its wheat crop was excellent in quality, and a very high average was obtained, estimated at over 22 bushels per acre. Barley and oats were also very good. Barley averaged 30 bushels, and oats 40 bushels per acre.

The wheat fly made its appearance, but did not injure the crop over two per cent. Peas were sown to a very considerable extent, and a large and excellent crop was harvested. This crop did not appear to suffer this season from any insect or bug, which is sometimes the case, damaging considerably the product.