

5th—Has any one made an estimate of the product of each cow during the past season?

In answer to this question, there were three replies given, but the circumstances were so different in each case, and the estimates not being made upon the same basis, we deem it would hardly be fair to name them. The Committee on nominations gave in their report, recommending the appointment of the following officers:

President—C. E. Chadwick, Esq.

1st Vice-President—K. Graham, Esq.

2nd Vice-President—Geo. Hamilton, Esq.

Secretary and Treasurer—James Noxon, Esq.

The report was adopted.

Considerable discussion arose in reference to the place of meeting next year, several members contending for Toronto or some eastern place. Ingersoll was, however, carried by a large majority.

An address by X. A. Willard, Esq., on the Wednesday evening, formed a very important feature of the proceedings. It would be doing it injustice to give any brief digest of it, and we have not space in this issue to report it at any length. Suffice it to say it was most able, interesting, and instructive, occupying two hours, and delivered with a degree of animation and effect which kept up unflagging attention throughout. It is, we believe, to be published in full along with the proceedings of the Association, but we shall, if possible, give at least a few extracts from it in our next number.

LEAKS IN FARMING.

This was the subject of a recent discussion by the Farmers' Club of Bedford, Westchester Co., N.Y. It does not seem to have been treated exhaustively, although some serious leakages were pointed out, such as, feeding cattle at stacks, want of warm stables, random grazing, failure to cut hay in season and to cure it well, waste of manure, exposure of milch cows on very cold days in turning them out for water, having no compost heap for all sorts of rubbish, &c. This is a good subject for thoughtful farmers to ponder. "A small leak will sink a great ship," and many farms are like a water-logged vessel by reason of leaks. Find out the leakages by all means, and put a stop to them. "A penny saved is a penny gained."

SPRING SHOW OF SEED GRAIN.

We have received a handbill announcing that the South Riding of Bruce Agricultural Society will hold a Spring Show of seed grain at Walkerton on the 24th inst., being the regular Monthly Fair Day for the sale of stock, when prizes will be given for the best samples. The placard also makes the following announcement:—

"It is ordered that the ONTARIO FARMER shall be supplied to members of the Society for 50 cents a year, the regular subscription price being one dollar. Parties requiring it to apply through the Secretary, on or before the Show Day."

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS ACT.

During the late Session of the Legislature of Ontario, an Act was passed to amend the Act, Chap. 29, 31 Vic., "For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures." Section two provides for the proper banking of the funds of the Agricultural Association, mailing corrected prize lists to prize holders, and prompt payment of prizes and other liabilities. Section three extends the aid to Institutes for books, to works of every class but fiction. Section four gives the Fruit Growers' Association thirty days wherein to make their report to the Department, after its annual meeting. Section five provides for analyzed statements of Agricultural Societies' accounts. Section six provides for the legal separations of Union Township Societies, and for the holding of Township shows. Section eight defines the rights of members to vote at the annual meetings, and for the filling of vacancies of office-bearers. Section nine relates to the incorporation of Township Agricultural Societies. Section ten enacts that in all matters of doubt or dispute, the decision of the Commissioner shall be final. Section eleven legalizes informal votes in January, 1869. Section twelve repeals all Acts prior to the one hereby amended. Section thirteen enacts that the amending Act shall be read as a part of the Act thereby amended, and may be known and cited as "The Agricultural and Arts Act."

The Commissioner is having the Act, as amended, printed in the form of a manual, which will be circulated in a few days.

WENTWORTH AND HAMILTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

A special meeting of the Agricultural Societies of North and South Wentworth, was held recent-