

districts, with practical suggestions for their removal or mitigation, with a view to the improvement of the condition of those hardy pioneers of civilization. Another Report discusses the best mode of disseminating information in connection with the objects of the Society; and among various suggestions in regard to Agriculture, strongly recommends the establishment of Farmer's Clubs. Annexed thereto is a plan for the formation of such institutions containing the rules proper for their guidance. There is also an interim report in connection with the subject of a Provincial Show and Fair, which will be more particularly adverted to by the Corresponding Secretary hereafter.—These various reports contain much matters likely to be found valuable to the country, and have been printed in the second part of the Journal of the Society's proceedings. Of this publication four thousand copies have been printed, of which fifteen hundred have been distributed, and also seven thousand copies of the Canadian Tract for the economical improvement of worn out soils, the great value of which was generally acknowledged.

A Petition to the Legislature was also adopted in order to obtain a modification of the terms of obtaining the Provincial Grant, in aid of the funds of the Society, which object was successfully accomplished.

During the sitting of the Legislature a large and influential meeting was held, at which the object and exertions of the Society appeared to be very fully appreciated, and much valuable information afforded.

The receipts and expenditure during the past year are fully detailed in the Treasurer's account which will be submitted.

Premiums were offered by the Society for Essays on the improvement and encouragement of Orchards:—

On the improvement of the Woolen Manufactories of this Province:—

On the best ways of using Turnips and other root crops in the feeding of stock.

And a Premium also for the best managed Farm of not less than a prescribed size as indicated by answers to a series of questions; and another for the second best. A Premium was also offered for the first 10 barrels of Beef or Pork of first or second quality packed according to the directions of the Society.

The time for presenting the Essays has been enlarged until the 31st January, instant.

The encouragement thus held out will, it is hoped, prove a stimulus to exertion, and furnish valuable materials for the records of the society.

The Society have also voted a premium of £15 to Mr. John Flett for his Carding Machines, Dyeing works, and Cloth Dressing Establishments, recommended under the correspondence which I will read, (he here read the correspondence,) and, which I may add, the Society has felt great satisfaction in encouraging.

Public Meetings in aid of this Society were held during the past summer at Dalhousie, Rathurst, Northumberland, Carleton, Saint Andrews, the Cork and Harvey Settlements, the proceedings in the Northern Counties and in Carleton have appeared in detail in the public prints. At all these places except Carleton the objects of the Society were enforced by Mr. KERR, to whose exertions the public are much indebted, and his zeal and ability every where acknowledged. In the Harvey Settlement and elsewhere measures were adopted for the formation of three Farmer's Clubs.

By all these varied means, the value to be derived from the attention of intelligent and scientific men being directed towards aiding the development of the great sources of a nation's wealth and economic self-reliance, has been brought home to the inhabitants of the Province in all directions—the duty which the Society has taken on itself, and the efforts in which it is engaged,