

The Directors would recommend that Branch Societies be formed in the other Parishes of the County. When such Societies are in operation in each Parish, competitors are placed more on an equality, and articles of proved excellence only are brought to the County Show.

The Directors would here call the attention of the Society and the public to the necessity, now becoming apparent, for a suitable piece of ground in or near the City being secured for a Cattle Market. The Monthly Fair is now necessarily held on the street, and must soon be felt as a nuisance. Had a situation been secured ten or twenty years ago it would have been obtained for a trifle; it will now cost a considerable sum, but every year will add to the expense. As such a site will sooner or later be indispensable, the Directors recommend that the Corporation or Sessions purchase or procure at least an acre of ground in or near the City, erect sheds and cattle pens upon it, and fix a small charge for each animal brought into it for sale. The benefit this would afford to sellers and buyers is obvious.

The Treasurer's account is herewith submitted to the Meeting. It will be seen that the amount received for subscriptions for the year was £59 5s., and the Government allowance, £117 15s.

The expenditure has been £25 premium for an Oat-Mill, £6 16s. 2d. for expenses of Fair, £80 paid and accounted for by the Branch Society, £15 loss on Thrashing machine imported and sold, and £10 salary and office rent paid to the Secretary.

A balance of £130 remains in the Treasurer's hands. The amount of subscriptions, with the Legislative allowance, for the next year will add about £120, which will be a sum quite sufficient for all the purposes of the Society.

A Prize Essay on Scientific Agriculture, by Professor Norton of Yale College, was this year extensively distributed by the New York State Agricultural Society. This Essay furnishes in plain language a short compendium of all that practice, aided by science, has been doing of late years for the improvement of Agriculture, and the Directors would suggest that a small portion of the Society's funds could not be better appropriated than towards publishing a cheap edition of this work. Copies might be furnished to members of the Society, and probably other Societies in the Province may take quantities at cost price for a like purpose. One or two thousand copies can be printed at six-pence each.

The Directors have received from the New-Brunswick Society for the Encouragement of Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce, fifty copies of Reports on various subjects, which have been distributed. These Reports have been got up with great care, and are calculated to be of much service. The Directors would recommend that subscriptions be made in this County towards the support of this Society.

By the aid of grants made by the Legislature, a Bone-mill and Tile Machine have been imported and placed in the Penitentiary. The Directors trust that Farmers will be ready to avail themselves of the privilege thus afforded to them. With tiles the land can be drained much cheaper and more effectually than with stones, and most Farmers may collect every year as many bones as will manure an acre of land.

A quantity of seeds was distributed by the Society among the colored population at Loch Lomond, and premiums, forwarded by several benevolent gentlemen in England, through Mr. Duval of the Normal School, were awarded. By this means considerable improvement has been made in the habits of this class of people, and many of them have, by their own industry, raised this year and the last sufficient food for their own use—a state of things quite new to them.

As Flax is not grown to any extent in this County, the Directors have inserted in the Appendix directions for the cultivation and dressing of this crop, to which they call especial attention. As an article of clothing it might, to a considerable extent, supersede the imported linen and cotton, and the seed is of much value. After the oil is extracted the cake forms the best food known for fattening cattle, and by its use the manure is nearly doubled in value. The dressing, spinning and manufacture of the fibre would also afford profitable indoor employment during the winter.