

the stock on hand, will be sufficient to meet the demands of the Farmer; during the past year, your Committee purchased 2860lbs. Island growth. At the same time, an importation of 200 sets Wilkie's improved mould plough mounting, weighing 139 cwt was received with an extra quantity of land-sides and sole-plates. Experience having taught your Committee the necessity of securing, by the importation of every pattern of plough mounting, an extra quantity of side pieces, and especially soles, to answer the purpose of necessary repairs.

Your Committee have considered whether it would not be prudent and advisable to discontinue the Grain Show, for the present year, since no public benefit appears to result from those exhibitions beyond that of affording a market for seed grain.

Your Committee would here remark, that the produce of the Yorkshire Cattle fully justify the expectations that were formed of them, on their arrival in the Colony nearly three years ago; and they are of opinion, that they are of that description of cattle which is most suitable to this climate, as they appear to thrive remarkably well:

It is with pleasure and thankfulness your Committee have it in their power to announce the receipt of the following liberal donation:

The amiable and highly gifted Countess of Westmorland has rewarded the sum of £10, together with an interesting and useful work on Farming.

Capt. Cumberland has contributed the handsome donation of £5. Hon Captain Swabey, a Sovereign. And Hon. C. Young, One Pound.

Daniel Brennan, Esq., when last in England, took some pains to procure some Wirecloth, for wheat flour sifters, and placed the same at the disposal of the Committee. It has been tried by several Millers, but your Committee regret to state that from some unexpected cause, it has not been found to answer the purpose.

Turnips are so invaluable a crop to the Farmer, that your Committee cannot but hope that every individual will strive to the utmost, to realize the greatest quantity his stock of manure will enable him to cultivate. The drill system of husbandry is peculiarly applicable to the culture of this root, particularly the Swede or Ruta Baga. Sowing Sulphur on the land with the seed is by any practical men said to prevent the fly.

Mangel Wurtzel, Carrots, and Parsnips, are each and all of them crops of very great value, and much more sure than Turnips, and ought therefore to be grown by every Farmer. For feeding milk kine, or for fattening stock they are equally valuable. The drill system and trench ploughing should be adopted for their culture.

Your Committee beg to direct the attention of the Society to the public spirited conduct of W. W. Irving, Esq., of Boushaw, who has introduced a number of skilful mechanics, from Scotland, the last season, for the purpose of making the modern Agricultural implements so necessary to the enterprising cultivator of the soil; and your Committee venture to express a hope that this attempt to improve this fine Colony will be repaid to by adequate encouragement.

Your Committee consider it very remarkable that although there are two large brewing establishments in Charlottetown, no extensive hopperies are to be found in the Colony; although it is manifest that that profitable plant thrives here most luxuriantly with ordinary culture, and with the same attention that is bestowed on the culture of the Potato, would ensure a much more valuable crop to the grower.

The accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, for the past year, have been audited by Messrs. Henry Longworth, A. Duncan, H. Shearman, and Joseph W. Hodgson, and found to be correct.

The Receipts for the past year amount to £758 12 0, and the disbursements to £644 4 4, leaving a balance in favour of the Secretary of £114 7 8.

Your Committee beg to call the attention of the public in general to the vast importance of Agriculture to this Colony. It is the vital principle of the Country. By its encouragement we can see the country "go ahead,"—by it must the rising generation stand or fall. This Colony has been called the Granary of North America—is it in ridicule or in earnest? To look at the all portions of cultivated ground, compared with the vast extent of wilderness and waste land, every spectator must naturally sup-

pose the former. Let every Farmer then strive to rescue the country from such a reproach, and make it what nature has indeed designed it to be, a Country of fertility and happiness, or, without exaggeration, in the language of Holy writ, "a land flowing with milk and honey." Our winters are long, but they are subservient to many useful purposes, and were the powers of the soil fully developed, their length would hardly be felt, so busy would the stall-feeder be with his oxen, his sheep, his pigs, and his poultry. One great want to be noticed throughout the Country, is, the inadequate shelter provided for Cattle during the severity of the winter months, in consequence of which fodder is wasted and manure rendered comparatively worthless, by scattering and exhaling its useful chemical properties. Brother Farmers, press onward! Many difficulties await you in your progress—combat them, and they will flee before you. Our climate is much drier than that of Britain, and our season more steady. Plants thrive here without shelter that in England require hotbeds to bring them to perfection. What then is required? Perseverance! Steady perseverance!! Be not satisfied until you surpass the Mother Country in the growth of every article she is able to produce. Fling mediocrity aside and be foremost among the Colonies of this vast Empire. Blessed with an unrivalled constitution, fostered by a liberal government, our station among the nations is pre-eminently distinguished. Recollect an eminent statesman of old has said, "he is the truest benefactor of mankind who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before."

In conclusion your Committee, feeling that their dearest interests are bound up in the same bundle with the prosperity of P. E. Island, earnestly hope that their successors in office may accomplish much for the benefit of the Farmer, and that every event may be graciously overruled for the common and particular prosperity of every inhabitant of our Country.

Votes of thanks to the Officers of the Society the past year were passed, and the following Gentlemen chosen Officers for the ensuing year:

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| Hon. John S. Macdonald, <i>President</i> | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| Francis Longworth, sen. Esq., <i>Vice President.</i> | |
| John Hyde, | |
| William Douse, | |
| Charles Stewart, | |
| Henry Longworth, | |
| Charles Hazard, | |
| Alex. Laird, | |
| George Beer, sen., | |
| Henry Shearman, | |
| John McNeill, Cavendish, | |

PETER MACGOWAN,
Secretary & Treasurer.

CARE OF FARMING TOOLS.—We believe it may safely be asserted, that the farmer in a course of years sustains as much loss, or is put to as much expense in procuring tools, by their decay in consequence of needless exposure, as from their actual wear on the farm. How many are the instances in which the farming implements, the plows, harrows, roller, &c. instead of being carefully housed when their use for the year is over, are left in the fields, or peradventure drawn up in battle array in front of the house, occupying a goodly portion of the road, and when covered with snow, forming most convenient places for breaking horses legs, tearing off shoes, &c. &c. Perhaps, in addition to these, are sundry wagons, carts, hay racks, and other necessary things, like the former, exposed to the decay which must result from exposure to the rains, the freezings, thaws and snows of winter. Now, one such season of exposure does more to weaken the wood of these implements, promote decay, and render new purchases needful, than their ordinary wear on the farm, with careful usage, and protection from the weather. As a general rule, it may be remarked that no implement, tool or carriage, of any kind should be exposed when not in use. These not wanted in the winter should be secured from the weather during that time; and so with those not required during the summer season, as sleighs, sleds, &c. The skilful, thrifty farmer is known by his attention to the minor points of agriculture, by his care to save, as well as to acquire; and he who neglects the lesser things cannot fail to find the drawback on his profits large and constant.—*Genesee Farmer.*