

They attended the half yearly meeting of the County Council in July, (from some misunderstanding many prominent Councillors in behalf of this Society were absent) only seventeen being present the resolution for issuing the promised debentures at the time was decided 8—8, and the Chairman, Councillor Henry, cast a negative vote ; at the same time giving it at his opinion that the debentures should be now issued ; but he had always opposed it on the ground that his parishioners did not understand the question, and so far as he knew were opposed to being taxed, although it would not in the gross make fifteen pence on each rate payer, and that payable in one, two, and three years.

They also attended the half-yearly meeting of the City Council, held later in the same week, and stated through the President that their existed on the minds of the Councillors for the County, the idea that the City did not intend to issue their debentures under any consideration, and solicited them to initiate the condition by issuing the City debentures then. They however declined doing so, but passed a resolution by the unanimous vote of the Council, authorizing His Worship the Mayor to meet the Warden of the County at any time that he would appoint, to issue the debentures simultaneously, in favour of the Society. The Citizens and Councillors have ever evinced a lively interest in the Society, by contributing their funds liberally, and giving them every encouragement to complete so great an undertaking.

They anticipated in the selection of the present grounds an income outside that of any other then in their offer, viz: the accommodating of the travelling menageries and circuses, which was realized in the month of August, by accommodating Messrs. Lent & Co.'s Circus, and the Menagerie and Circus of Messrs. Goodwin & Co., for which each paid twenty five dollars, making a total of fifty dollars, towards paying the current year's rent. The managers said our people should be proud of such an undertaking for Agricultural purposes, and paid cheerfully for the accommodation and protection it afforded them.

They completed the cattle sheds during the month of September, and had the sashes in the Horticultural building glazed, also a building 40 feet by 14 feet completed and roof shingled, for the purpose of offering a lunch on the ground to the judges and committee, which is a step in the right direction. In this way the management of the shows can be better advanced. After returning from Sussex, they had the office and refreshment buildings at entrance of grounds and the Horticultural building roofed with gravel roofing, leaving only the Farmers' and Mechanics' Hall to complete next year.

They circulated in May 500 copies of report of last year's proceedings, with prospectus and premium list for the current year, in addition they issued 200 copies of premium list and programme of Show and Fair, which was held on the 24th September, informing the farmers of York that they had changed the time of holding their annual Show from the 2nd Tuesday in October, to allow ours to pass