

**TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORD.**

Three Township, or Branch Societies were in operation in this County, during the year 1852, and a new one, making a fourth, has been established the present year. Space will only admit of the following brief notices of a few principal facts, selected from the Reports of these Societies:

**NORWICH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

This Society was organized in January, 1852, in accordance with the provisions of the late Agricultural Statute,—and it appears to have made an encouraging commencement. Its income, inclusive of its proportion of the Government Grant, for the past year was £79 15s 10½d; the Expenditures £52 5s 9½d; having in hand a balance of £27 10s 1d.

*Officers for 1853 :*

Gilbert Moore ..... *President.*  
Andrew Wilson ..... *Vice-President.*  
D. S. Butterfield. .... *Secretary & Treasurer.*

*Directors :*

W. S. Moore, J. Hunt, W. Crawford, G. DeLong, C. Triffy, R. Addison, T. Wilcox, J. H. Connell, and J. McLees.

**EAST ZORRA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

Amount of Subscriptions, 1852, £27 2s 6d; Government Grant £21, making the total income £48 2s 6d; Expenditure, inclusive of £28 2s 6d for Premiums, £40 12s 8d; having in hand a balance of £7 9s 10d.

*Officers for 1853 :*

A. H. Farmer ..... *President.*  
J. Turner. .... *Vice-President.*  
J. Thwaites. .... *Secretary & Treasurer.*

*Directors :*

J. Jackson, J. Cook, J. Scott, H. Stewart, A. Wilson, T. Thomson, J. Smith, and Robert McDonald.

**INGERSOLL BRANCH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

† Cash on hand from previous year £267 8s 9d; Members' Subscriptions £76 7s 6d; Government Grant, £80 3s 10d; total income for 1852 £424 0s 1d; Expenditure £173 0s 6d; having a balance in the hands of Treasurer of £250 19s 7d.

*Officers for 1853 :*

Jas. Henderson ..... *President.*  
Jas. Bodwell. .... *Vice-President.*  
D. Phelan. .... *Treasurer.*  
J. M. Chapman. .... *Secretary.*

*Directors :*

J. Adams, E. Matthews, G. Galloway, J. Bennett, T. Brown, J. Choat, J. Matthews, C. E. Chadwick and Thos. Young.

**WEST ZORRA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

This Society was organized at a Public Meeting held in Embro, January 11th, 1853, Mr. Angus Munro in the Chair. After an interesting lecture from Mr. Alexander of Woodstock, who takes a most praiseworthy interest in diffusing a knowledge of the science and practice of Agriculture, ninety-seven persons entered their names as

Members. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Mr. Alexander, for the trouble he had taken in assisting to form the Society.

*Officers for 1853 :*

Angus Munro. .... *President.*  
Wm. Olive. .... *Vice-President.*  
W. Sutherland. .... *Treasurer.*  
J. Frazer. .... *Secretary.*

*Directors :*

J. Matheson, D. Youngs, J. Richardson, A. M. Corquodale, Jr.: J. Gleneden, W. McKayhonscome, J. B. Wilkinson, W. Tate and D. Sutherland.

**COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The following gentlemen were appointed Office-Bearers, at the Annual Meeting of the County of Oxford Agricultural Society on Tuesday last:—

John Barwick, Esq. .... *President.*  
Mr. Sutton Fitzell. .... *Vice-President.*  
Mr. Fred. Welford .... *Do.*  
Mr. Joseph Peers. .... *Secretary & Treasurer.*

*Directors :*

Messrs. William Paulin, Richard Adams, William Chambers, Archibald Thomson, John G. Vansittart, William Peers, and Thomas Allen.

**REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF OXFORD FOR 1852.**

Report of the Directors of the Agricultural Society of the County of Oxford presented at the annual meeting, held at Woodstock, on the 22nd February, 1853.

The Directors of the County of Oxford Agricultural Society in preparing their report of the proceedings of the past year (which is required by statute to be presented at the annual meeting) desire to congratulate their brother farmers on the abundant harvest of the past season, bestowed upon us by the bountiful Author of all good.

The improving prospects in the value of our productions is also a subject for congratulation.

The Directors feel justified in expressing the opinion that the Society is steadily improving, which was satisfactorily shewn in the large exhibition and attendance at our annual show, which compared favorably with those of past years. And the Directors on this occasion desire to record their opinion of the very liberal grant made by the County Council and Corporation of Woodstock, to the funds for fencing, (in a substantial manner,) the five acres on which the last Exhibition was held.

The show of all descriptions of stock on that occasion proved, that the County of Oxford has many farmers whose judgment of Stock is of the first class.

The Directors refer with pride to the Agricultural Census lately taken, which shews that our County stands fourth in the scale of "wheat growing," in Upper Canada. This is the more satisfactory when it is borne in mind that a large portion of the County has only lately been re-