

and all descriptions of produce, in Lindsay, at prices which almost approximate with those of Toronto.

In agricultural implements, it is to be regretted, that the County is in the back ground; but since the Railway has been completed, some of the most modern improvements have been introduced.

The breed of horses may be described as of the old native stock, and the Directors, feeling the necessity of improvement, purchased a thorough bred horse, whose sire stood at the Royal Paddocks, at Hampton Court, in England; but unfortunately, though well cared for on its passage by an experienced groom and the officers of the Montreal Steam Ship Company, it died on its third day out at sea. A cross between a thorough bred horse and the Clyde breed, is considered most suitable for this district. The breed of cattle is altogether of the native sort; the farmers of Mariposa have made some few attempts at improvement in this respect. The breed recommended as most suitable is the Durham, if in the hands of careful and attentive farmers; but, in ordinary cases, Devons are preferable. More advance has been made in sheep—by crossing the breed already existing with Leicester rams, both the quantity of the wool and the quantity and quality of the mutton brought to market have improved. Of pigs, all the improved breeds have been introduced with success.

There has been but little interchange in landed property, sufficient, however, to indicate, that with moderate improvements it is worth \$40 per acre—the average rental \$2½ per acre. But very few attempts have hitherto been made at draining, and, where effected, it has been done with stone and cedar—tiles not being as yet manufactured in the County. The average rate of wages for an agricultural labourer, with board, is \$120 per annum; per diem, commonly from 50 to 60 cents; in haymaking, 75 to 80 cents, and in harvest, \$1—these rates indicating a decline of one-fourth.

With respect to the Horticulture of the County, the Directors regret they have but little favorable to report. Its northern position, and comparatively late settlement, prevent its competing in this re-

spect with many other counties, the attention of its inhabitants being naturally more directed to agriculture; but the season of 1859, from its late spring and early autumnal frosts, must be chronicled as a peculiarly unfavourable one to the gardener.

Amongst the undeveloped resources of this County must be enumerated as existing in its northern parts—black and white marble, plumbago of the finest quality, copperas, iron, lead, and silver ore. These articles could be transported at a comparatively small cost to the marts of commerce; and it is believed, that if more publicity was given to these facts, that the attention of parties engaged in and conversant with mining, might be directed to them, so as to turn them to profitable account.

#### TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

FENELON AND VERULAM.—Amount of subscriptions, \$73; balance from 1858, \$43.37; received from County Society, deposit and public grant of 1858, \$115; share of public grant, 1859, \$77.60; total received, \$308.87. Paid for seeds, gypsum, breeding stock, expenses, &c., \$299; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$9.87.

MARIPOSA.—One hundred and forty-four members; amount of subscriptions, \$144; Government grant, \$154.40; amount paid in premiums, \$81. Report imperfect.

OPS.—Amount of subscriptions, \$51; grant, \$54.80. Funds expended in purchasing clover seed, turnip seed, premiums at show, ploughing match, &c Report defective.

#### NORTH WATERLOO.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—One hundred and fifty-seven members; amount of subscriptions, \$196.25; balance from previous year, \$72.84; deposited by township branches, \$204; grants from Township Councils, &c., \$80; Government grant, \$479.98; total receipts, \$1033.07. Paid township branches, \$404; paid in premiums, \$521; expenses, &c., \$120.98; total expended, \$1045.98; balance due Treasurer, \$12.91.

#### TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

WELLESLEY.—Eighty members; amount of subscriptions, \$117.50; Government grant, \$100; total received, \$217.50. Paid in premiums, \$178.50; expenses, &c. \$39.