

we been a difficult one. Some of the first size white carrots exceeded two feet in length, and weighed nearly eight pounds each. The directors added a Ladies' Department to the show this year; the display brought out was highly creditable for a first effort, and gave promise of greater interest in future. The premiums offered amounted to upwards of six hundred dollars, and the entries were over five hundred in number.

We may notice in connection with this show, (thanks to the kindness of the then Secretary, Mr. Steele,) we have now lying before us a report of the first show ever held by the County of Northumberland Agricultural Society; the show having been held at the Village of Eborborne, in the Township of Cramahe, on the 14th of October, 1829, when premiums to the amount of eighty-five dollars appear to have been paid. To the honor of this society, we notice that they gave two prizes, one of five dollars and one of three dollars, for the best written essay on the culture of wheat. Do any of our societies give such premiums now? The report is a small pamphlet which contains an excellent introduction, pointing out the objects and benefits of agricultural societies, and giving an account of the first formation of their own—then rules and regulations of the society, with a list of the officers and directors—next the two prize essays on the culture of wheat, and concludes with some remarks on the show: thus, "There were premiums offered for ewes, lambs, and ploughing, but no candidate appeared, except one person to plough. The preceding part of the day being wet and stormy, it back a great number of people from a distance; yet notwithstanding, the meeting was well attended, all things considered, and the best good humor and harmony prevailed during the course of the day, and all went away apparently well satisfied with the results of the day's transactions." We may add that the report appears to have been printed in Kingston. That period we believe there was no printing between Kingston and York, now Toronto.

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#### TOWNSHIP SHOWS, UPPER CANADA.

**ESPREA.**—The Vespra Branch Agricultural Society's annual show of stock, grain, &c., took place on the farm of Mr. Mairs, Penetanguishene, on Wednesday, September 26th. Considering the unfavorable state of the weather, the show was well attended; some excellent stock, &c., were shown. The members of this society take the palm from the rest of the county for raising good stock. The principal exhibitors of cattle were Messrs. Cave, Pass, and Ridge.

**OSPRINGE.**—The annual exhibition of the Erin Township Agricultural Society was held in the village of Ospringe on Wednesday, 10th October. The weather was propitious, and many hundreds of the rural population of the adjoining

country were assembled on the show ground. The township of Erin being comparatively but recently settled cannot be expected to make such an exhibition of live stock as Eramosa or Guelph, but every succeeding show gives evidence of improvement, while in the produce department, some samples of grain and several of roots and vegetables, would have compared favorably with those exhibited by Agricultural Societies of longer standing in the neighboring townships. Messrs. John Clark, Malcolm McLaughlin, Wm. Smith, and Peter Aurey were amongst the exhibitors of horses; Messrs. Hugh McMillan, Thos. Tolton, John Kerr, Geo. Fergusson, of cattle. Mr. A. McMillan carried off the majority of the prizes for sheep.

**WELLESLEY.**—The Annual show of this Society took place at Wellesley Village on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The day was a very favourable one for the purpose, the weather being warm and pleasant. The attendance was in consequence very large, larger we believe than at any previous show in the same township, notwithstanding that the state of the roads kept back many that would otherwise have attended from a distance. The carrots, mangel wurzels, turnips, and potatoes were a splendid sight to look at. The wheat, barley, oats and other grains showed conclusively that this township can compete with any in the Province in cereal productions. We noticed some beautiful samples of butter. The show of horses was something unexpectedly fine, at least to strangers. The show in cattle was not so large, though some excellent animals were on the ground. The show of sheep was excellent.

**LOBO.**—The Fall Exhibition of the Lobo Agricultural Society was held on Thursday, October 11th, on the premises of Mr. Elias Cutler, 9th concession, Lobo. The weather was very unpropitious, being rainy during the whole time of the Show. Nevertheless, there was a good display of animals, &c., on the ground, many of which plainly indicated the beneficial effects of the Society in thus producing such a marked improvement in the quality of the stock exhibited.

The show of horses was generally admitted to be such as reflected credit upon a Township Society. Of cattle, there were a considerable number of thorough-bred, and a large number of grade.

The sheep were good, and there was quite a large number entered. The grain and root department was lacking somewhat in quantity, but not quality, for the samples shown were of a very fair stamp. Altogether the Show was a good one.—*London Free Press.*

**SOUTH DORCHESTER.**—Show held at Village of Lyons on 13th October. The day was fine and the attendance good. There was a good collection of stock and produce, the number of entries being 355. The show was highly creditable for a new township.