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Essex County Agricultural Society, 1852, in Account Current with Isaac Askew, Treasurer.

To Cash paid Isaac Askew for services in establishing Township Societies.	£15	0	0
" Cash paid Premiums at Fall Fair...	100	15	0
" " Expenses of Fair.....	10	2	6
" " paid to John Prince for Foreign Seeds.....	9	11	1
	£135	8	7

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By Balance on hand from 1851.....	£14	12	9
" Donation from Isaac Askew.....	5	0	0
" Society's Government Grant.....	62	10	0
" James Dougall, District balance.....	25	0	0
" Members' Subscription.....	25	10	0
" Balance due Treasurer.....	2	15	10
	£135	8	7

OFFICERS OF ESSEX COUNTY SOCIETY FOR 1853.

GEORGE BULLOCK, Esq., Sandwich, *President.*
 JAMES DOUGALL, Esq., *Vice President.*
 Col. JOHN BRUSH, *Vice-President.*
 ISAAC ASKEW, *Treasurer.*
 ALEXANDER BARTLETT, *Secretary.*

Directors:

John G. Buchanan, Alexander Whitson,
 Thomas Salmon, Josiah Strong,
 Leonard Wigle, William Sanford,
 John Maloney.

TOWNSHIP BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Colchester.

This Branch in 1852, numbered 75 members, who subscribed £18 10s. The total receipts for the year 1852, amounted to £143 1s. 5½d., and the disbursements to £139 11s. 11d., leaving a balance on hand of £3 9s. 6½d. The Society has stock on hand consisting of one Stallion, two Devon Bulls, and three Durham Bulls, in connection with the purchase and keeping of which, a considerable portion of the expenditure of the Society is incurred.

The Society held their annual meeting on Saturday the 15th day of January 1853, when the following persons were elected as officers for the ensuing year:—

GORDON BUCHANAN, *President.*
 SIMON WRIGHT, *Vice-President.*
 SCHUGLER ALARICH, *Secretary.*
 JOHN R. PARK, *Treasurer.*

Directors:

Charles W. Cornwall, Morgan Balawen,
 John S. Reasdale, William McLean,
 George Wright, John Arner,
 John Wiggle, Jacob Arner,
 Michel Wiggle.

Gosfield and Mersea Branch.

This Society in 1852 had 123 members paying 3s. each. By the report submitted at the annual meeting on January 25th, 1853, it appears that there was no such thing as a good stock of horses in the township at the commencement of the

year. The Society had expended during the year £67 10s. in the purchase and keeping of two Stallions, and had also expended £7 10s. in the purchase of a young Bull. The total receipts of the Society for the year 1852 were £123 5s., including a sum of £72 received from the use and subsequent sale of the two Stallions. The total disbursements, including purchase and keep of horses and bull, amounted to £78 8s. 4½d. leaving a balance on hand of £44 16s. 7½d.

Officers for 1853:

JAMES KING, Gosfield, *President.*
 L. NIGHTINGALE, Kingsville, *Vice-President.*

Directors:

Wm. Sandford, Wm. Hooper,
 Theodore Wigh, Wm. Drake.

Malden and Anderdon.

This Society was re-organized under the new Act in 1852, and in that year numbered 81 members, subscribing 5s. each. The total expenditure of the Society for the year 1852 was £69 15s., of which £66 was in the keeping and travelling of a stallion owned by the Society. The total receipts were £82 4s. 6½; £9 5s being realized from use of stallion. Balance of cash in hand, £12 9s. 6½d.

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JOHN PATON, *President.*
 THOS. BOYLE, *Vice-President.*
 JOSEPH GRAVELINE, *Do. Do.*
 HENRY WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*
 ALEX. BARTLET, *Secretary.*

Directors:

John Maloney, John Dall,
 William Marlyee, Jonas Fox,
 Theo. Park, Isaac Askin,
 Jas. Hunt.

Rochester, Maidstone and Tilbury East Branch.

The Directors of this Branch Society at their Annual Meeting on January 9th 1853, submitted report from which the following are extracts:—

"As this is their first report since their organization as a Society, and as their means the past year were limited to the amount raised by themselves, and the very small additional amount received as their proportion of the Government grant to the United Counties of Essex and Lambton, it has precluded the possibility of doing more than to give the matter a commencement in this section of the country; but they hope, and they think they are warranted in entertaining such hope, that their operations the present year will begin to make themselves felt advantageously.

"Agricultural operations in this section of country, are comparatively in their infancy, the lands to be operated upon being within these very few years wrested from the native forest. We have amongst us no capitalists, but men only of energetic industry and limited means, each working his 100 acres or thereabouts, according to his own ideas of the greatest advantage to be derived therefrom. Still the country has rapidly improved and is improving, and without doubt will eventually become a much prized district for