

complaints. As the hand is thence passed down the neck, ascertain that the jugular veins are in the centre. Occasionally we have seen horses with the vein on one side perfectly obliterated. Inflammation following blood letting is the common cause. There is seldom any permanent inconvenience, for the other vessels on the same side soon become enlarged, the circulation is as usual carried on, and the only untoward effect is swelling of the head when the animal is treated. See that the shoulders be equally prominent; for in young farm horses the muscles of the shoulder-blade are occasionally strained, and some in consequence wasted. By hand and eye ascertain that the knees are well formed and free from blemishes. The front surfaces should be broad and the prominence which projects backwards distinct and large, affording sufficient room and attachment for the well-developed tendons which pass up the limb. The skin should move freely over the front surfaces of the legs, and be free from all scars and marks.—These and any other indications of the animals being seen must be viewed with great suspicion, especially in the case of tottering or lame limbs. The plausible excuse of injuries from rubbing the manger and other such ingenious explanations must be taken for what they are worth.—*North British Agriculturist.*

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NORTH YORK.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—One hundred and ten members; amount of subscriptions, £10; deposited by township branches, £54 20; government grant, \$479 98; receipts at fall show, \$43; total received, £187 09. Paid township branches, \$144; paid balance due treasurer from previous account, \$48; paid premiums, \$376; expenses, \$51 82; balance in treasurer's hands, \$66 57. The Directors say in their report:—

"It is gratifying to know that great improvements have taken place within a few years in agricultural operations within this county. A commendable spirit of enterprise and emulation seems to have taken hold of the leading agriculturists, which shows itself in the use of the most approved farm implements—in the neatness and thoroughness of cultivation—the more careful selection of seeds, and, to some extent, in the introduction of better farm stock, both in cattle and sheep.

These improvements, and this enterprise and emulation, your Directors flatter themselves are mainly attributable to the existence of agricultural societies. Your Board is of opinion that further improvements must be made before the productive qualities of our soil are fully developed; and they would recommend a thorough system of under drainage, believing that the most gratifying results would follow the adoption of that system, upon a great portion of our farm land in this country."

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

EAST GWILLIMBURY.—One hundred and forty-eight members; amount of subscriptions, \$151, balance from previous year, \$44.32; government grant, \$64.50; total received, \$259.82. Paid in premiums, \$165; expenses, \$25.77; balance in treasurer's hands, \$69.05.

KING.—Two hundred and seventy-five members; amount of subscriptions, \$275; balance from previous year, \$99.78; share of grant, \$130; entries, \$16; total received, \$520.78. Paid in premiums at shows and ploughing match, \$368.50; expenses, \$28.95; balance in treasurer's hands, \$123.33.

WHITCHURCH.—Amount of subscriptions, \$106; balance from previous year, \$22.55; total received, \$128.55. Deposited with County Society, \$102; paid premiums due from previous year, expenses, &c., \$24.40; balance in hand, \$2.15. This society merged its funds with those of the County Society for the year, for the purposes of a joint exhibition.

EAST YORK.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Seventy-eight members; subscriptions, \$133; balance in hand from previous year, \$190.30; deposited by Township Branches, \$280; receipts at Fall Show, &c., \$141.16; Government grant, \$479.98; total received, \$1224.44. Paid Township Branches, \$235; paid premiums, at ploughing match and shows, \$654; expenses, \$71.02; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$264.42. The ploughing match and shows were held in conjunction with the Scarborough Branch Society, which merged its funds for the year with those of the County Society.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

MARKHAM.—Two hundred and nine members; amount of subscriptions, \$257; balance from previous account, \$209.46;