

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR

1851.

THE Directors of the Saint John County Agricultural Society have now to make a Report to the Society of their doings for the past year.

By the Treasurer's account, now submitted, it will be seen that the receipts for the year have been—from subscriptions, £59 3s.; and allowance from Government, £177. The expenditures have been—£15 for premiums at the Exhibition; £44 to the Golden Grove Society; £104 7s. to the Loch Lomond Society; £21 for premiums on field crops; £39 5s. 7d. for prize books at last year's Fair; £40 7s. 9d. for printing Norton's *Elements of Agriculture* and the Society's Reports and handbills for the last three years; and £17 for premiums at the Ploughing Match.

The Directors of the Mechanics' Institute having requested the co-operation of this Society in getting up an Industrial Exhibition, the Directors, in conjunction with the Provincial Society in Fredericton, offered premiums for agricultural implements and produce, to the extent of thirty pounds, and the Directors have to report that the Exhibition was most successful in its results, far surpassing anything of the kind that has ever before been attempted in the Province, and giving evidence that our mechanics and farmers are quite able to supply all our wants, both as to quantity and quality. Implements were exhibited in great variety, and in quality and price superior to anything imported, and showing that if the home market is not supplied with home manufactures, it must proceed from other causes than want of ability.

It is proposed that another such an Exhibition should be held in Fredericton in October of next year, and all the County Societies have been invited to assist and compete. It is intended that this Provincial Exhibition should also embrace a Cattle Show; and it will be for the consideration of the Society whether the usual County Fair and Show might not for next year be dispensed with, and competitors requested to exhibit at Fredericton.

Fairs and Cattle Shows were held at Loch Lomond and Golden Grove, reports of which have been published. Premiums were also awarded both by the County Society and those branch Societies for field crops.

It will be necessary that some arrangement should be made to obviate a difficulty which has arisen with regard to premiums offered by these different Societies.

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