

crease except in Dairy, which is hardly an average.

"The Ploughing Matches went off satisfactorily, their being 19 entries, divided into three classes. The prizes paid amount to \$562 50, besides the distribution of the Agricultural publication above referred to, amounting to \$20.

"Your Directors cannot close this Report without adverting to the apathy still existing in the cause of Agriculture, and feel surprised that many of our substantial farmers who, from their portion, could render affective aid to the Society, continue to withhold from contributing to its support. The beneficial nature of this institution is no longer questionable, and those who refuse to render their aid, can only be considered as not being awake to their own interest, or sensible of the importance of an Agricultural Association like the present.

"Your Directors, in conclusion, beg to call the attention of their successors to the recommendations, as embodied in the minutes of their recent meetings, and in particular to that of the 14th October last.

"Respectually submitted.

ALEX. SMART, *President*.

"G. M. JUDGSON, *Secretary*.

The following Gentlemen were then elected Officers and Members of the Board for 1864, viz:—

Alexander Smart..... *President*.
Archibald Stewart..... *Vice-Pres*.
G. M. Judgson..... *Secretary*.

John Meldrum, Bristol.	} <i>Directors</i> .
Walter Russell, "	
John Duff, "	
James Horner, Clarendon.	
John Dale, jun., "	
Wm. McDowell, "	
Geo. Hodgins, "	

At a meeting of the Board, subsequently held, it was

Moved by Wm. McDowell, seconded by Geo. Hodgins, and resolved.—That the Hon. P. M. Archambault, O. E. Casgrain, B. Pomroy, and Dr. C. Taché, be appointed to represent this Society at the Board of Agriculture.—Carried.

Moved by A. Stewart, seconded by John Dale, jun., That Messrs. Joly de Lotbiniere and F. M. F. Ossaye, of Montreal, be appointed to represent this Society in the Flax department.—Carried.

Moved by Wm. McDowell, seconded by Arch. Stewart, That Sealed Tenders be advertised for supplying accommodation to the

Board for twelve months, to be sent into the Secretary within ten days from this date.

Moved by Geo. Hodgins, seconded by Wm. McDowell, That meeting do now adjourn until Saturday, the 30th day of January, instant.

G. (Signed) ALEX. SMART, *President*.
M. JUDGSON, *Secretary*.

N. B.—Members in arrears are respectfully requested to pay up without delay.

A YANKEE FARMER.

THE New York correspondent of the London Spectator thus expresses his opinion of the farmers of this country:

"Let me tell you about one of these Yankees whom I know well, and in whose house I have lived weeks at a time. He is a small farmer, tilling less than one hundred acres, which have been owned and tilled by his family for generations, and living upon that and a little money out at interest. He not only goes to the fields with his men, but works with them there. I have many a time seen him riding home on a load of hay, a good part of which had fallen before his own well-swung scythe. Now, what do you think that man's recreations are? Chiefly astronomy. A fine observing telescope is his hobby. He is up with it in the middle of the night, and before the dawn, upon all good opportunity. His library, not large, but well chosen, is so thoroughly and intelligently read by him, that some of the soundest and most pungent opinions I have ever heard upon literature have come from his lips in English, than which no better, according to the standard of Oxford and Cambridge, is spoken anywhere. His brother, the rector of the parish, the pretty stone church of which was built in a large measure by the contributions of their forefathers, was offered and refused the bishopric of his diocese. The word 'farmer' conveys to you a certain idea or image. Does it convey the idea of such a man as this? From my observation I should judge decidedly not. And yet this man is only a Yankee farmer, and the son and grandson of Yankee farmers on both sides. But you will say that this man is a very rare and marked exception. But in that you will be wrong. Somewhat exceptional he is. But he represents a class very numerous and widely diffused; and he springs from and is in direct affinity with a class which is numbered by hundreds of thousands of men, besides women and chil-