

to them of farms which could not be drained by any other means. Under the head of manuring we might mention the fact which has been ably stated in other quarters, that unless the soil receive nearly as much vegetable matter, in the shape of manure, as is extracted from it by yearly cropping, it must regularly decrease in vegetating power. Raising stock would very much help the farmer to keep up the productiveness of the soil, and also prove a profitable investment. Why should not this fine county send its car loads of cattle and hogs to the eastern market as well as the farmers of Michigan and Illinois. Our soil is good, and our climate about the same, and all it requires is determination and energy in the right direction to accomplish great results. Only let our farmers rally round the Township societies, and get them to import the best breeds of every kind of stock and we shall soon feel the effect of it in the general prosperity of the county. But no such result can be arrived at as long as the farmers in the neighbourhood of Windsor and Amherstburgh are spending the greater proportion of their time in the traffic in steamboat wood, a traffic which does not pay, but yearly reduces all those engaged in it in worldly circumstances and makes them more and more dependent on the merchants. If the same amount of physical labor spent in the wood trade, were spent on the farm, what different results would be seen! Instead of dilapidated looking barns, fences and other appurtenances about the farm, as are to be seen at present, we would see every thing in thorough order, and agriculture in general in a more prosperous condition, in proof of which assertion we would refer the members of the society to the farms in those townships which are the furthest away from the localities before mentioned, and whose occupants spend all their time in agriculture instead of the wood trade.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

COLCHESTER.—Seventy-three members; amount of subscription, \$73; total receipts, including balance from previous year and share of public grant, \$194.98; expenditure, \$131; balance on hand, \$63.98.

GOSFIELD AND MERSEA.—Seventy-eight members; amount of subscriptions, \$92; balance from previous account, \$37.06; received on account of seeds and stock, \$19.53; share of public grant, \$81.88; total receipts, \$230. Paid on account of seeds and stock,

\$13.50; expenses, \$32.77; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$184.20.

MALDEN AND ANDERDON.—Eighty-eight members; amount of subscription, \$88; balance from previous account, \$235.85; share of grant, \$78.30; total receipts, \$402.15.—Paid for sheep, purchased for society, \$103; premiums, \$77.97; expenses and sundries, \$31.14; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$190.04.

ROCHESTER AND MAIDSTONE.—Sixty-six members; amount of subscription, \$66; balance from previous year, \$14.48; Government grant, \$58.74; sundries, \$8.62; total receipts, \$147.84. Paid on account of purchase and keeping stock for society, \$56; premiums, \$13; expenses, \$14.74; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$64.10.

TILBURY WEST.—Seventy one members; amount of subscriptions, \$79; share of grant, \$53.40; received from late united society of Rochester, Maidstone and Tilbury West, \$10.75; received from other sources, \$46.72; total receipts, \$189.87. Paid for stock, \$156; expenses, \$15.43; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$9.84.

Extract from Report.

Average quantity of corn forty bushels to the acre, and in some cases sixty, where the crop has been properly cultivated. Peas twenty bushels to the acre. Peas have done well in this township for two or three years past, being almost free of bugs. Oats forty bushels to the acre, sixty not being an unusual crop. Wheat is very little cultivated since the insect has been so destructive. Stock thrive extremely well, but are subject to a murrain, of which we cannot ascertain the cause. Grass is generally a very heavy crop in this township. Oats, corn and stock are considered the most profitable.

WINDSOR AND SANDWICH.—Forty members; subscriptions, \$40; grant, \$35.62; cash on hand, \$75.62. The society propose appropriating the funds in purchase of improved stock.

FRONTENAC.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Seventy-four members; amount of subscriptions, \$74; balance on hand from previous year, \$245.33; deposited by township branches, \$168; received from South Leeds Society, \$100; public grant, \$479.98; total receipts, \$1067.31.—Paid insurance on Crystal Palace, \$37.50;