

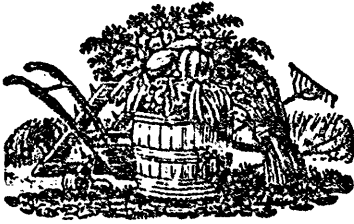
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[From our own Correspondent.]

LONDON, August 19, 1842.

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society held their fifth annual meeting at York last week. The sum of £650 was expended in premiums. The Council dinner was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday, Earl Spencer presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Lord Wharnclyffe. The great dinner and meeting of the members was held on Thursday, when about 800 persons were present. The show and meeting altogether was much superior in every way to that of last year. Some excellent and appropriate speeches were made on the occasion by the noble chairman, the Earl of Zetland, Lord Feverham, Lord Wenlock, Sir John Johnson, Bart., M. P., Mr. Milnes, M. P., Mr. Stansfield, M. P., and others. Richmond, Thirsk, and Doncaster, were the competitors for the next show, each offering £150 donation, their own hall for the meeting and a field for the show. Doncaster was selected.

At the sixth annual meeting of the East Riding Agricultural Association, recently held at Beverley, a hog pig of the Lord Wenlock race, bred by Mr. R. Moore, of Brandesburton, was exhibited. This surprising animal, although not two years old, measured 82 inches from poll to rump, in girth 80 inches, stands 44 inches, and weighs nearly two hundred stones.—A portable saw mill exhibited at this meeting by Mr. Croskill, agricultural implement maker of Beverley, attracted many curious enquiries.

The annual Agricultural meeting and general show of live stock, implements of husbandry, roots, seeds, &c. of the Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland, commenced at Edinburgh on Monday the 1st inst. and lasted the entire week. The exhibition was of unexampled extent, being larger than the famed show at Warwick last year, which was the greatest the Society had held up to that time. The amount of stock, &c. entered, was greater than on any former occasion, comprising upwards of 1100 animals, and a great variety of implements, &c. The Edinburgh papers which we have received all contain full and excellent reports of the proceedings. The public show took place on Tuesday, and at one point it is stated, there could not have been less than 20,000 individuals in the yard. The money collected for admission to the show on this day only amounted I understood to upwards of £1300, the largest sum ever drawn on any similar occasion. The nearest approach to it was at Glasgow, where the sum of £800 was collected. A peculiar feature in the exhibition was a gallery erected

for the ladies, having in front a raised platform, along which the prize animals were passed to gratify the fair visitors. About 2000 persons were present at the grand dinner of the Society, which took place under the presidency of the Duke of Richmond. The principal speakers on the occasion were the Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Earl of Roxbury, &c. A large deputation attended from the Irish Agricultural Improvement Society. The Chairman urged upon the Society the advantage of distributing gratuitous copies of the Transactions and Journal among the members, after the manner of the English Agricultural Society. A lecture was delivered on Monday, before the members, by Dr. H. R. Madden, "on the condition of the soil at seed time as influencing the future prospects of the crop," and another lecture on Wednesday the 3d, by Mr Hyett of Painswick, Gloucester, "on the practice of administering artificial solutions to the sap vessels in growing trees, in order to improve their colour, durability, flexibility, strength, fragrance, &c."

In the list of patents sealed last month is a singular one, viz. to "Lady Ann Vavasour, of Melbourne Hall, Yorkshire, for improvements in machinery for draining land. Sealed 7th July. Six months for enrolment." Success attend the scientific efforts of the ladies of England say we.

The Royal Agricultural Improvement Society of Ireland hold their second anniversary meeting next year at Belfast.

Messrs. Blackwood announce for publication early next month, a work on "The Grasses of Scotland, containing a scientific description and illustrations of about 130 distinct specimens by Dr. R. Parnell, F. R. S. of Edinburgh, price 20s.

A public meeting was held in the city of Cork the other day, for the purpose of forming an Agricultural Museum in that country; the idea is an excellent one and ought to be adopted and extensively acted upon in every county, city and town of England. There are several central ones connected with the chief Agricultural Societies situate at London, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

A public monument to the memory of the late Thomas Wm. Coke, Earl of Leicester, one of the greatest friends and patrons of Agriculture the world has hitherto seen is shortly to be erected. About £3000 has already been subscribed towards this laudable object.

The leading farmers and agriculturists of the kingdom have also recently subscribed about £400 for a service of plate to W. Shaw, Esq., editor of the *Mark Lane Express*, and *Farmer's Magazine*, and one of the projectors of the Royal English Agricultural Society, for his zealous and indefatigable exertions in the cause of Agriculture.

TO PROTECT HORSES FROM FLIES.

At this season of the year horses are tormented by the indigo fly which keeps them stamping, and those which run in bushy pastures are often attacked by the gnats or sand-flies at night, who will nearly take the skin from the bellies of some short-haired beasts; the Bott-flies also will attend them as long as the warm weather lasts. The annoyance of these insects may be in a great measure prevented by frequently rubbing a little fish oil upon those parts of their bodies that the flies incline to sit upon. Where fish oil cannot be procured, hogs-lard will make a tolerable substitute, but the fish oil is better.