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Premiums, &c., Toronto, . . .	£163	4 0
Ditto, Hamilton, . . .	100	13 9
Amount of Fergusson's and		
Wetenhall's note to liqui-	97	11 9
date cla'm agts. Simpson,		
Ditto against Roach,	80	10 3
Expenses of Committee at		
Toronto and Hamilton. in-	6	3 7½
cluding stationery and larc.		
	£418	3 4½
Balance in hand.	£107	3 1

Leaving in the hand of your Committee the sum of one hundred and seven pounds three shillings and one penny. Eighty-four pounds of which are still due; but are as yet unclaimed.

Your Committee beg further to report, that there is an additional claim of thirty-six pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, which has been presented to your Committee by Messrs. Freeman & Jones, as bills of costs for defence of two suits above mentioned; which said bills have been placed by your Committee in the hands of a professional gentleman for taxation.

These two claims, together amounting to one hundred and twenty pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, when paid will leave a deficiency of thirteen pounds eleven shillings and eight pence.

Your Committee beg further to report, that they have been made aware that there is now in the hands of the Sheriff of this county an execution against the late Secretary, Mr. Edmundson, for the purchase of books from Messrs. Saxon and Miles, in the United States, which have been charged by Mr. Edmundson to the Association, and which have been allowed in the settlement of his account. Your Committee conceive that although no legal claim exists against the Association for the same, yet they respectfully recommend that the amount of the invoice should be paid so soon as the funds of the Association will permit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. THOMSON,

GEO. D. WELLS,

RICH'D L. DENISON,

} Committee.

Toronto, C. W., February 19, 1850.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT.

We learn from the *Chronicle and News*, that at the recent annual meeting of this society a letter was received from J. B. Marks, Esq., the President, tendering his resignation. As Mr. Marks has discharged with great satisfaction the duties of that office for 20 years, and is known to many of our readers as a zealous promoter of agriculture, we embrace the opportunity of transferring his letter to our own pages. We are glad to find that Mr. Marks will be so well succeeded in the person of Angus Cameron, Esq. We observe further that Peter Davy and Wm. Holditch, Esqs., have been deputed delegates to the next Provincial Exhibition to be held at Niagara, and that £25 were voted towards that object.

To the Members of the Midland District Agricultural Society.

GENTLEMEN:—About twenty years ago the Legislature of Upper Canada, with the judicious view of encouraging Agriculture, passed an Act granting to each District an annual sum of money for that purpose.

Upon the passing of that patriotic act, the inhabitants of the Midland District first established this Agricultural Society, and we elected the Hon. John Macaulay, (then Chairman of the Quarter Sessions) President, who continued most ably to fill the Agricultural Chair, until he was removed to an official government appointment at Toronto.

At the following annual meeting, the members elected me to fill the vacancy, and I have remained without interruption, president, until the present time.

Last year it was my intention to have requested permission to retire from this responsible office, but in consequence of the annual Agricultural Exhibition of the province, being voted to take place at Kingston in the year 1849, it was thought best that I should remain and share the difficulties that devolved upon the members of our society, in making provision for that great exhibition. That grand affair being over, in which the inhabitants of the city of Kingston, and the farmers of the Midland District so nobly supported the good cause of that national institution, the benefit of which will be long remembered in this part of the country, we have now to fall back upon the common business of the district society and its several branches, which are now being carried on in the usual manner.

The parent or district society being free from debt, and every prospect of greatly improving in usefulness, my reasons for desiring to be relieved have much increased since last year. I beg to return to our agricultural friends my best thanks for their uniform support, respect, attention, and forbearance, given for so long a period to my official operations amongst them; and with my best wishes for the success of your future proceedings, I respectfully relinquish into your hands the office of president of the Midland District Agricultural Society; and I do so with the satisfaction of knowing that many persons can be found among our present members well qualified to fill that high station.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your faithful friend,

J. B. MARKS.

Barriefield Feb. 20, 1850.

SPIRIT OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRESS.

CANADA THISTLES.—The complete extirpation of this pest is exceedingly difficult, particularly in wet or stony ground. A correspondent in the last number of our talented contemporary, the *Genesee Farmer*, suggests a plan for destroying thistles, which is both simple and efficacious. He recommends a free and timely use of the plough; that is to say, in summer-fallowing a field infested with this troublesome weed, give a deep and clean ploughing as soon as the leaves of the thistles fairly appear above the surface, a process that will often require repetition. It is a well-known fact in vegetable physiology, that no plant can long survive the repeated destruction of its leaves, which may be said to be a kind of breathing organs, somewhat analogous to lungs in animals. We have seen hundreds of acres of the richest pasture land in England literally covered with thistles, but in two or three years scarce a plant was to be found left. This result was obtained without breaking up the pasture, simply by cutting the root about an inch under the surface with a sharp instrument, significantly designated a "thistle spud," and by repeating the operation as long as any leaves make their appearance. In arable land we have found, in addition to deep ploughing, the use of a powerful cultivator or subsoil plough,