

and arousing to exertion many farmers. The increase of members in our Society immediately after—the ploughing and preparing of lands last autumn for cropping the following or this year, to such an extent as never before were known in this Parish, and the making of manure, all strengthen this idea—the beneficial results of which are obvious. It will be found that a greater quantity of grain of different kinds has been raised in this Parish this year than in any year previous, samples of which were recently exhibited in the Grove at the second or last Fair or Cattle Show, which certainly could not be considered inferior to grains of the same kind raised in any country. Potatoes generally, especially those on newly burnt lands, turned out a good crop, although somewhat injured by the blight, farmers will have more than a sufficiency for their own use. Oats and buckwheat were the principal kinds of grain raised, which were of a superior quality, and it might be said for this Parish, compared with other years, an abundant crop. Wheat was good, although there was not a great quantity of it raised. I think there were not so many turnips raised this year as last, as grain appeared to be more the object of the farmer. Hay was not an abundant crop, but it was much better than last year. On the whole, this Parish, I should say, would have quite enough for its own consumption. It would be superfluous for me to recapitulate those who received premiums at the last exhibition, and who have been already published. But it will be necessary to acquaint you, that at the last meeting it was moved and carried, that the Society be enlarged to the whole Parish, at which time many of the leading members subscribed liberally, and a number of new ones enrolled their names.

It is evident there has been, within the last two or three years, an increasing desire manifested amongst the inhabitants generally to improve in Agriculture. The premiums offered for the best, second, and third methods of making manure have created a stimulus in this very essential and important branch of Agriculture.—The improvements in it certainly are very great. I regret that I am not in possession of the written descriptions of those to whom premiums have been awarded for manure, to accompany this Report. The premiums also held out for the best turnips and carrots, have been the means of introducing to some extent the raising of these very certain and beneficial crops, as also premiums for the greatest crops of all kinds.

Our means being limited as yet, we have not been able to hold out encouragement for the draining of lands; but this being so necessary, especially in this climate, to render lands earlier and more productive, I trust our Society will soon turn its attention to this most important improvement.

I am Sir, your most ob't. servant,

*Loch Lomond, October 30th, 1850.*

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