

**DELAWARE AND CARRADOC TOWNSHIP SOCIETY.**

At the Annual Meeting of the Directors and Members of the Branch Agricultural Society of the Townships of Delaware and Carradoc, advertised to be held in the Town Hall in Delaware, but adjourned to A. Montgomery's Hotel, on the 21st day of January, 1854. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Wm. Livingstone, Esq., President, H. Johnstone, Esq., Vice-President, Horatio Jell, Secretary, and Dr. Francis, Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected to act as Directors, viz:—Major Heyne, Wm. F. Bullen, Jno. Johnstone, J. B. Burwell, Geo. Uxford, G. Gownlock, G. McKay, B. F. Bartlett, J. Tull.

The Annual Report of the office-bearers and directors of the Society for the past year, was then submitted to the meeting, together with these few remarks.

"It is with great satisfaction that we, the Office Bearers and Directors of the Society, submit a few remarks on the very evident improvement both Agricultural and Commercial, in the Townships of Delaware and Carradoc during the past year. Certainly the Agriculturists in both Townships have nothing to complain of, on the score of want of fertility of soil, it is notwithstanding of a very varied description. In the south-east part of Delaware and South part of Carradoc, it is principally a clay loam, and well adapted for Wheat; the "Flats" on the banks of the river Thames (which divides the two Townships) are assuredly of a very superior description of soil, although not so well adapted to the growth of wheat, the soil being a deep vegetable mould, yet they are not to be surpassed in the production of hay or root crops; in the north-west part of Delaware, and more particularly in the north part of Carradoc, the soil is generally a sandy loam, and with good management is made to produce excellent crops of wheat.

We may here remark, that it is most gratifying to us to observe the increased attention paid to the cultivation of roots in both Townships, and which are of such essential benefit, in the well-wintering of stock, in almost every country, more particularly in this; and we must own that within the last few years, the farmers here have advanced greatly in their entire system of culture, and the present high prices, will no doubt have the effect of stimulating the farmer to much more strenuous exertions to till his land properly.

The crops in this section of the country were, on the whole, taking into consideration the extraordinary dry season, good, the fall wheat crop was considerably above an average one, but the spring crops were rather below.

The Great Western Railway being now in operation, and passing directly through the township of Carradoc, is of the greatest advantage to the farmer, in affording him by the facility of transit, good markets for all kinds of produce, and equalising the prices thereof more in unison with those of the markets in

Toronto and Hamilton. Even the construction of the line, was the means of benefitting the community at large, by causing a great circulation of money, and giving an impetus to trade generally.

The roads in both townships are gradually undergoing a thorough revision, by macadamising where practicable, and otherwise repairing others, and there seems to be an unanimity in the desire of all parties for improvement.

Property in and around the village of Delaware has within the last year, risen in value to a great extent, it certainly has as great advantages if not greater, than any other village or town in the Upper Province, in point of water privileges, and when the projected canal is completed (which will be the means of diverting the course of the river Thames, and causing it to flow through the village of Delaware, thus obtaining a great fall of a large body of water, capable of propelling machinery to almost an indefinite extent) the village, which has so long lain dormant, may then raise its head above any other manufacturing town in Canada West."

After passing a few resolutions relative to the affairs of the Society, a vote of thanks was then passed by the meeting, to the Office-bearers and Directors of the Society, for the able, energetic manner in which they performed their respective duties during the past year.

HORATIO JELL, *Secretary.*

**BLLENHEIM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

We have to record the proceedings of a meeting held at Drumbo, in the township of Blenheim, on Saturday the 21st of January, for the purpose of organizing a Branch Society, which was duly effected upon that occasion. JAMES WATSON, Esq., being called to the chair, explained the object for which they were met—and observed that it was gratifying to watch the progress of this young country. He would say, he was happy he had cast his lot in what will soon be considered one of the finest farming districts on this Continent. But a few years ago Canada was only known as a wilderness, furnishing timber for European Markets; at the present moment, we transmit annually, several hundred thousand barrels of flour and other products and with our present prospect of railroads, and other improvements, we shall soon be classed amongst the most important of the British possessions. He had long been desiring that such a society should be established in Blenheim, and would call on Mr. Alexander to explain more fully than he could do, the benefit it would be to the township.