

to rid the farm of it, with only partial success, but we are not aware that any scientific principles have been adopted with this object. Your Directors would recommend a premium being offered by the Board of Agriculture for the best essay upon their destruction or eradication, to be tested by actual experiment.

FENCES.

The old serpentine or rail and rider fence is the one still in general use, and as yet appears to be most suitable to the country and to the wants of the farmer; but in many places, particularly along road sides, are straight fences of cedar posts and boards. There are also some picket fences made with split cedar sunk into the ground, or with sawed slats of pine nailed upon scantling and cedar posts. No live fences as yet have been successfully cultivated. The English white thorn has been tried without any marked success. They sometimes grow well and then die off. If some hardy native shrub or plant suitable could be found, we have no doubt it would be of great advantage, affording shelter for cattle, &c., as well as protection to the crops.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

ESSA.—Forty-six members; subscriptions, \$42; balance from previous account, \$33.29; share of public grant, \$42.66; total, \$117.95. Paid in premiums, \$73.50; expenses, \$16.71; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$27.74.

WEST GWILLIMBURY.—Report very imperfect; 38 members reported.

INNISFIL.—Sixty-one members; subscription, \$63; balance from previous year, \$58.68; Government grant, \$60.80; total received, \$182.48. Paid in premiums, \$150; expenses, \$13.95; balance in hands of Treasurer, \$18.53.

MULMUR.—Thirty-six members; amount of subscriptions, \$50.

TECUMSETH.—Forty-four members; subscriptions, \$77; balance from 1858, \$14.74; share of public grant, \$82.13; total receipts, \$173.87. Paid in premiums, \$148.52c.; expenses, \$16.82; balance in hand, \$8.53.

STORMONT.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Amount of subscrip-

tions, \$48; balance from previous year, \$29.16; deposited by township branches, \$210; Government grant, \$479.98; total rec'd, \$767.14. Paid township branches, \$498; paid for clover seed, \$16; expenses and sundries, \$76.63; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$176.51.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

CORNWALL.—Amount of subscriptions, \$62; balance from 1858, \$259.81; Government grant, \$86.50; received for a ram sold, \$5; total receipts, \$413.31. Paid for copies *Agriculturist*, \$20; paid in premiums, 104; paid for young bulls and ram lambs, and freight, &c., \$305.30; incidental expenses, \$14.50; total expenditure, \$443.80; balance due Treasurer, \$30.49.

FINCH.—Forty members; amount subscribed, \$41; no further report.

OSNABRUCK.—Amount of subscriptions, \$110; balance from 1858, \$7.43; Government grant, 148; total received, \$265.43. Paid in premiums, \$237.16; expenses, \$25.50; balance remaining in hand, \$2.77.

ROXBOROUGH.—Forty-two members; subscriptions, \$49; share of public grant, \$53.50; sundries, 87c.; total received, \$103.37. Paid in premiums, 75.25; expenses and sundries, \$9.50; balance in hand, \$103.37.

VICTORIA.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Three hundred and sixty-five members; subscriptions, \$354; balance from previous year, \$700; deposited by township societies, \$267.80; Government grant, \$479.98; donations and sundries, \$105.58; total received, \$1907.36. Paid for seeds, \$389.30; paid township branches, \$554.80; premiums, \$150.25; expenses, 33.17; sundry payments (objects not stated), \$637.53; balance in Treasurer's hands, 142.01.

Extracts from Report.

This County is divided into 19 Townships, viz.: Emily, Ops, Mariposa, Eldon, Fenelon, Verulam, Laxton, Carden, Semerville, Bexley, Lutterworth, Anson, Macaulay, Dalton, Ryde, Digby, Draper, Oakley, and Hindon. The inhabitants are principally emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, and are almost exclusively engaged in agriculture. The soil of the first five mentioned townships is a heavy clay, lying on a bed of limestone gravel; that of the remaining 14