

Of sixteen varieties planted by your late President, his Honor Judge Campbell, no direct statement can be submitted. A memorandum has been obtained, showing that an accurate account had been kept, and the products stored away; possibly these may be had for further trial next spring.

An attempt has been made by a member of the Society to introduce "Winter Oats," this year from imported seed, the result of the experiment will be given next year, and it is hoped that it may prove satisfactory.

EAST MIDDLESEX.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Two hundred and twenty one members; amount of subscriptions, \$236; balance from previous year, \$196.49; deposited by Township Societies, \$388.25; Government grant, \$479.98; rent of land, \$50; sundries, \$9.50; total received, \$1360.22. Paid township branches, \$675.55; premiums at Spring and Fall Shows, \$379; expenses, \$144.93; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$160.74.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

NORTH DORCHESTER.—Fifty-four members; amount of subscriptions, \$61.50; balance from previous year, \$6.86; share of public grant, \$37.37; sundries, \$3; total receipts, \$108.73. Paid in premiums, \$77.25; expenses, \$12; balance in hand, \$19.48.

LONDON.—One hundred and four members; amount of subscriptions, \$138.40; balance from preceding year, \$10.81; Government grant, \$97.42; total receipts, \$246.63. Paid in premiums at Shows and plowing match, \$171.50; expenses, \$38.25; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$36.88.

WEST NISSOURI.—Sixty-three members; amount of subscriptions, \$68; balance from 1858, \$31.85; Government grant, \$71.04; sundries, \$3; total received, \$173.89. Paid in premiums, \$104.76; expenses, \$20; balance in hand, \$49.13.

WESTMINSTER.—One hundred and eight members; subscriptions, \$114.75; grant, \$81.21; total received, \$195.96. Paid in premiums, \$137; expenses, \$31.25; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$27.71.

WEST MIDDLESEX.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Seventy-eight members; amount of subscriptions, \$87.50; deposited by Townships, \$395.20; Government grant, \$479.98; total received, \$962.

68. Paid township branches, \$682.90; paid in premiums, \$164; expenses, \$59.82; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$55.96.

Extracts from Report.

The west riding of Middlesex is traversed by the forty-third parallel of north latitude, and is formed by nine Townships, viz.:—Adelaide, Carradoc, Delaware, Ekfrid, Lobo, Mosa, Metcalfe and East and West Williams. It contains a population of about 40,000 souls. Four-fifths of the inhabitants of West Middlesex are engaged in the cultivation of the soil, which embraces almost every variety known in Canada, the prevailing description being clay of various degrees of stiffness.

West Middlesex contains, besides the ordinary varieties of timber common in Western Canada, black walnut, cherry, oak, pine, and rock elm; the latter variety is now available for the Quebec market, furnishing a new source of wealth. Staves, squared oak timber, walnut, cherry and pine lumber are valuable for exportation, and an increasing trade in these articles has been effected since the completion of the Grand Trunk and Great Western railways, both of which roads run through the riding, and have proved a great value and advantage to its inhabitants. In this their first report, your Board considers it necessary to give a brief description of the several townships within the Society's limits.

ADELAIDE

Contains 45,137 acres; its settlement commenced in 1832; it has now over 56 names on the Assessment Roll, and a population of nearly 5,000 souls. The prevailing soil is stiff clay; only about 3,000 acres are sandy. The river Sydenham (or Bear creek) runs through the south eastern part of the township, and the whole is well watered and heavily timbered with beech, maple, oak, birch, elm, bass and iron wood, some cherry, and a small quantity of pine. About one third of the land in Adelaide is cleared and under cultivation, and a graded road runs through its centre, six miles of which is gravelled; the concession and side roads are good and improved in proportion to the date of settlement of the township. Almost every crop except hay was a partial failure in 1858, and in the spring of 1859 the County Middlesex loaned the inhabitants of Adelaide through its Township Municipality, \$2.50