

depth of drain is necessary and possible. At the same time the subsoil of their farms is as retentive as the bottom of a frying-pan—preventing the plough in spring and roasting the roots in summer. This we call your serious attention to, and also to follow the draining with the subsoil plough. We are happy to be able to state that the want of draining tiles, once felt, is now removed; and next summer any supply can be had from Mr. John Singleton & Son, brick and tile factory, near Ottawa.

OSGOODE.—Thirty-eight members; subscriptions, \$172; share of public grant, \$96; total received, \$248. Paid incidental expenses and sundries, \$35; balance in treasurer's hands, \$213. The society did not hold an exhibition, in consequence of not being in possession of their funds till late in the season. They decided to appropriate a portion of their funds to the purchase from a distance of seed grain of a superior character.

*Extracts from Report.*

In reference to the state of agriculture in the township, your Directors have to remark that on that head, they have not the same facilities as in former years for reporting, nevertheless from their own observation, and such information as they could glean from parties conversant with the subject, they cannot be far wrong in the following remarks: Fall wheat, an average crop, but not extensively sown. Spring wheat, (Fife or Scotch) an average crop; peas and oats very good, above an average crop; potatoes a good crop; Indian corn, almost a total failure, owing to being cut off by frost during the middle of June; hay, a very poor crop, owing in a great measure to severe spring frost, followed in the early part of summer by intense heat and drought, and owing in a certain measure to imperfect cultivation, such as mowing the same meadows, as is too often the case, from four to seven years in succession, which in place of cultivation we should say is no cultivation at all. We do not, however, intend that the foregoing remark should be general in its application. While speaking of the crops of the past year we should not omit mentioning that in our opinion they have not been injured to any serious extent, by any any insect or other cause of blight. Root crops are not extensively cultivated, if we except the turnip.

A great many of our farmers are paying particular attention to the dairy, which they

justly look upon as a very important and remunerative branch of husbandry.

In regard to cattle there has been no improvement made in the native breed worth mentioning here, but we are gratified to learn that the County Society has expended its funds for 1859 in the purchase of bulls for the society, and that three splendid animals of the Ayrshire breed have already arrived in the county, being purchased in the vicinity of Montreal.

There is no visible improvement in agricultural implements, except the plough, those cast and made at the foundries throughout the country, and heretofore in general use here, are fast giving away to the iron ploughs made by our own resident mechanics, of whom there are three in the township; all good plough-makers.

There are evident symptoms of a taste for Horticultural pursuits springing up amongst our population, yet they are too limited to elicit anything more than this passing remark.

At the risk of digressing from our subject, we will now give a few specific facts, which will enable the distant reader, (if the eye of such should ever alight on the pages of this report,) to judge of the situation, resources, and future prospects &c, of this township.—It is generally level, with a good deal of swamp, generally good soil, watered by the Rideau on the west side, and many branches of the Castor running through it. The Ottawa and Prescott Rail Road passes through the west end of the township. It has three Post Offices, West Osgoode, Metcalfe and Kenmore, a daily mail runs between Metcalfe in the centre of the township and the Rail Road Station in the Township of Gloucester. It has eight places of public worship. Sixteen Common Schools, all in operation.—There is one Grist and three Saw Mills in the township. It is well settled, the soil and climate being well adapted to the raising of the different varieties of grain and roots grown in Canada.

The price of land varies from \$10 to \$20 and upwards per acre, according to quality and location. The humble shanties of other days have mostly all disappeared, and their places are supplied by comfortable frame or stone houses, splendid frame barns, sheds, and out houses.

The township of Osgoode is within a few hours travel of the future capital of Canada.