

longly in favor of the enterprise, and hoped, for long, to see it one of the staples of the country.

There were several samples shown, both dressed and undressed, of excellent quality.

His Worship the Mayor exhibited some beautiful specimens of raw silk; also a handkerchief of very fine texture, manufactured from the fibre of the Pine-apple plant, and a Mexican rope made of the fibres of the leaf of the agave.

Moved by his Worship the Mayor, seconded by Mr. McClean, "That the Flax Dressing Machine be placed in the Mechanics' Hall, at the Crystal Palace, for the use of these counties and others."

Moved by Dr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Gibb, "That Henry Robinson, William Ferguson, Edward Jackson, Esquires, be a Sub-Committee to take such steps as they may think advisable for the management of said Machine."

It was unanimously resolved that a Committee, composed of the following gentlemen, viz.: Dr. Barker, Wm. Ferguson, and Isaac Simpson, be appointed to draft an address to the London County Councils, and to be distributed through the various townships for signature, and for aid to put the Crystal Palace Grounds and Buildings in proper order and repair for the forthcoming Exhibition in 1863.

It was requested that parties requiring Flax, will leave their orders with either the Secretary or G. S. Hobart (Seedsman to the Society), before the first of May, in order that the required quantity may be procured.

Moved by Wm. Ferguson, Esq., seconded by J. Strachan, Esq., "That the thanks of the Society be given to his Worship the Mayor for his kindness in offering the Council Chamber to the Society for its next meeting."

The meeting adjourned sine die.

ISAAC SIMPSON,

Sec'y & Treas'r C. of F. A. S.

The Future of the Royal Farms.

It is satisfactory to learn that, hereafter and in the future to bear the name of "The Prince Consort's" Farms, they will continue under the immediate managers to illustrate the public enterprise, and perseverance of their forerunners; and to furnish the same examples of landlord, tenant and labourer, as when in the Prince Consort's hands. For owners of the examples will be still maintained which are given of the permanent improvement and the equipment of estates—in all the particular buildings, drainage, roads, and fences. Farmers will see in continued operation, year after year, both the systems of steam cultivation and of herds of Shorthorns, Devons, and other breeds which the Prince had established

with such ability and maintained with so much perseverance. On the last occasion of his visit to the Flemish Farm he was heard explaining the great expenditure which had been incurred by him as tenant, and the need and reasonableness of it in order to the attainment of high character for the valuable herd of Herefords which has on that farm been at length established. The reasonableness of this expenditure will year by year continue to appear, as, under the same system of management which he had laid down, these farms and their respective herds shall maintain in their career the reputation he had obtained for them. It is a touching illustration of the pious care with which his agricultural reputation will be guarded, and with which the many useful agencies will be maintained which this one small section of his labours includes, that all the Prince's intentions regarding farming matters, where known, will be literally carried out, and where they can be imagined they will be carefully observed. Thus we learn that all the stock which had been intended by him for exhibition at the Battersea Great Show, will, by Her Majesty's direction, still be prepared and sent—the Royal Farms will be opened to public inspection during the summer—and fields on Colonel Hood's suggestion have been set apart, in which during the week of the great show, steam cultivation will be shown in operation on one of them. The management of the Home and Shaw Farms remaining as heretofore under the immediate superintendence of Sir C. B. Phipps, K.C.B.—that of the Norfolk and Flemish Farms under the direction of the Hon. Colonel A. N. Hood—and the management of Windsor Park remaining in the hands of Major General Seymour and the Deputy Surveyor, Mr. Menzies—there is all the guarantee which devotion to the memory of their chief, knowledge of his intentions, and personal ability and zeal can give, that the public value and utility of these farms and the public interest in them will be maintained.—*Gardener's Chronicle*.

Consumption of Roots.

Very few farmers take the trouble of weighing the quantity of roots consumed by their feeding bullocks. On a recent trial it was ascertained that a large three-year-old ox ate as much as 300 lbs. of yellow turnips per day, and when this quantity of good swedes, or even 100 lb. less, was given to him, he disregarded entirely his more natural food—straw—although it was constantly set before him. He seemed to prefer glutting down swedes, and in cold weather he had more or less of diarrhoea afterwards. If the same animal have the roots manufactured or pulped down into very minute pieces, and if this is mixed with finely chopped straw or chaff from the thrashing-mill, and fresh, one-half of the former quantity will fill him quite as well