

loads of tank manure, unmixed, to try its strength. I sowed it with barley, harrowed it well, and rolled it. I never saw ranker barley, and I am happy that you saw it, so that you could judge for yourself.

Therefore, tank manure is clear gain—its fertilizing ingredients always went to waste heretofore. To make this manure it requires neither horses, cows, pigs nor sheep, nor any other animal, but the mere slops of the house.

Yours, &c.

ROBERT BOWES.

To the President of the St. John County Agricultural Society.

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### PARISH OF SIMONDS BRANCH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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Our third annual Agricultural Exhibition or Cattle Show having recently taken place, it devolves upon me to represent to the Parent or Saint John County Society, not in the shape of a report, for your very able and valuable yearly report upon agriculture generally, leaves nothing for us to say more than merely to show, that our Branch is still in existence, and I feel much pleasure to add, in a very flourishing condition.

The day on which the Exhibition took place was very fine, and, judging from the number of Agriculturists and numerous spectators present, it excited more than usual interest.

Wheat was of a very superior quality, weighing from 64 to 65 lbs. per bushel. Oats surpassed any that I have known in the Province, weighing 50 and 51 lbs. per bushel. Barley, 54 and 65 lbs. per bushel. Buckwheat, 56 to 58½ lbs.; Rye, 56½ to 58½ lbs. Peas and Beans were equally good. In fact, they have not been surpassed even in the States. There were some as good Timothy, Parsnip, Carrot and Swedish Turnip Seeds exhibited as could be imported. Roots were also of a very excellent quality. An American gentleman, who was present, purchased some of the first class Potatoes, for the purpose of showing them in the States. There is also evidently a great improvement in Cattle. The names of the successful competitors for the best animals having been already published in the list of Premiums, it is unnecessary to report them again. With regard to crops generally—Hay and Grain in this Parish are more than an average. Potatoes fell short of what might have formerly been considered an average, but the blight having affected them so slightly as not to occasion any rot amongst them, consequently this crop may be considered better than usual. Turnips do not appear to have been cultivated to any great extent by individual farmers, but begin to be more generally raised, and were of a fair average crop; so also with regard to Carrots. On the whole, this Parish has enough, if not more than sufficient, for its own consumption, which, when it is considered that the greatest portion of what is now raised was within a short period purchased by lumbering, is the best proof that can be adduced as to the recent improvements in Agriculture in this quarter.

JOHN JORDAN,

*President of the Parish of Simonds Branch Society.*

Loch Lomond, Nov. 3, 1851.

To the President of the St. John County Agricultural Society.

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