

of the rudimental principles of Agriculture to the young, and said that Mr. Carling, the Commissioner of Agriculture, felt strongly on this subject, and would, it was hoped, before long, give practical effect to his views and wishes. Parties were then invited to ask questions and give information on the various topics that had been treated of.

This brought up several interrogators from Howick, Turnberry, Carrick and Morris; including the names of Messrs. J. Gemmill, T. Ingills, L. Lovell, J. Miller, T. Gibson, &c., who elicited much useful information in relation to the Agriculture of that section of the country, most of which is of comparatively recent settlement. After a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, the meeting separated.

#### JOHN A. BRUCE & CO'S DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE.

We have received a copy of the above publication for 1870, being the *nineteenth* annual issue from this long-established and reputable seed-house and nursery. Though not so tastefully got up, as to paper and illustrations, it is hardly inferior to the catalogue of the celebrated Rochester seedsmen, Mr. James Vick, recently noticed by us. According to the custom now established among seed merchants and nurserymen, this publication contains not only lists of seeds, plants and trees, kept for sale, but a multitude of practical directions, that cannot fail to be interesting and useful to all who dabble in gardening, and especially to beginners and novices in the art of horticulture. The Messrs. Bruce not only keep a large stock of common and well-known seeds, but are particular to obtain all novelties of trustworthy character. They not only keep seeds of all kinds, but, having extensive green-houses and a large nursery, can furnish house and bedding-out plants, asparagus, rhubarb and strawberries, ornamental and fruit trees, bulbs, etc. They make the grape a sort of specialty, and keep a large stock of vines, both for out-door culture and for growth under glass. From a careful inspection of their grape houses and grounds, we can testify that better-grown, more healthy plants, than those they offer, are nowhere to be had. Garden-pots, glasses and implements, of all sorts and sizes, may be had at this establishment, and among them Shanks' Lawn Mower, Caboon's Broadcast Sower, the Wethersfield Seed Drill, and the Dominion Combined Seed Drill and Cultivator. We have pleasure in calling attention to their advertisement, and in commending the Messrs. Bruce to our readers as gentlemen of the strictest integrity, to whom all orders may safely be intrusted for prompt and faithful execution.

#### TORONTO ELECTORAL DIVISION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held on Jan. 19, in the Agricultural Hall, corner of Queen and Yonge Streets, Mr. Geo. Leslie, Jr., President of the Society, in the chair, and Mr. Wm. Edwards acting as Secretary. The attendance of members was rather small.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a circular received from the Hon. John Carling, Commissioner of Agriculture, containing directions as to how Secretaries of Societies shall prepare their annual reports. Accompanying the circular were two blank forms, one containing a classification of prizes, the other being a balance sheet of the accounts for the year 1869; also a circular of the Ontario Veterinary College.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report which chiefly consisted of interesting details respecting the Exhibitions held by the Society during the year, and which had been on the whole very successful. The following extract exhibits the financial condition of the Society.

"The Treasurer's financial statement shows total receipts to date \$1,289 79; expenditure \$1,303 05; balance due the Treasurer \$13 26.

A copy of the Treasurer's account from the Union Exhibition shows total receipts, \$1,756 21; expenditure, \$1,515 43; surplus balance, \$240 78. One-half of this balance as per agreement, has been credited to this Society, and is included in your Treasurer's account.

Available assets amount to \$22; liabilities to \$145, showing a balance against your Society of \$123. This has occurred from the liberal appropriation made to the Union Exhibition Prize List, under the expectation that the City Council intended to make a grant to this Society. In this, however, your Directors were disappointed."

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

President,—Major Shaw.

First Vice-President,—George Vair.

Second Vice-President.—James Forsyth.

Secretary,—William Edward, (re-elected).

Board of Directors.—George Leslie, jr., Ald. Strachan, H. Miller, F. Armstrong, J. Gray, James Forsyth, J. Fleming, James Wright and J. A. Simmers.

#### TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting of the Toronto Horticultural Society was held on February 8th, in the Lecture Room of the Mechanics' Institute, the President, the Hon. G. W. Allen, in the chair, Mr. Summers acting as Secretary. In addition about twenty members of the society were present. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then, in response to the call of the President, read the Annual Report, after which the Treasurer read his financial statement from which