

REPORT, 1856.

IN presenting the following Report—the season having again arrived when it becomes their duty to do so—the Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society beg to state, that during the past year they have met, as usual, almost every fortnight. These meetings have been well attended, and many subjects of interest discussed, having for their object the advancement of the agriculture of this Island. In the early portion of their stewardship much time and attention was devoted to bringing to maturity, and putting into proper working order, the views of the Committee of 1855, relative to the “Stock Farm”.—a subject which has given them much anxiety. And they have now the pleasure, in the following Report, of giving the result of the labors of the “Committee of Management,” with an account of the general expenditure, &c., which they trust will meet with your approbation.

Before entering upon this subject, however, they desire to impress upon your minds that in all their meetings and discussions, one object has been ever prominent, viz : a wish not only to improve the agriculture of the Island, but to raise the agricultural population to the condition which belongs to them—to that of intelligent, prosperous, right principled men, who know their rights and their duties, and will fearlessly assert the one, and faithfully perform the other. And your Committee are sincerely of opinion that general prosperity can alone be obtained by a general increase of individual intelligence, energy, enterprise, industry, and public and private economy, and in no other way, and by no other means whatever; and each one who desires to bring this about must begin at home—must do the duties which lie nearest to him—must seek out and endeavor to fulfill the purposes for which God has placed him in this world, and resolve that the blame of being one of a spiritless, indolent, extravagant and poverty-stricken people, shall not be at his door. Let such a spirit be but diffused amongst the people of this Island, and, with our fertile soil and healthy climate, we are prepared to run a race with the agriculturists of any portion of British North America.