

have for years exerted themselves to urge its claims, to foster its interests, and to promote by every means in their power, a spirit of practical inquiry, having a tendency to develop the capacity of our soil and climate, and to establish the important truth, that with a proper application of our resources, the County is fully capable of sustaining a large population. The horses exhibited, fall short of keeping pace with the improvement conspicuous in other kinds of stock, and it may be deemed worthy of consideration, whether some effort should not be made by the Society to encourage the introduction into this County of such a breed of this most useful animal, as would be thought best adapted to the general purposes of the country.—The neat cattle exhibited, were very creditable, and several animals shewed superior points; but we cannot overlook the deficiency in the number and quality of "Steers" offered for competition, and trust that in future we shall be able to report more favourably of this description of stock.

The sheep exhibited, were numerous and highly satisfactory, those taking the premiums being a cross from the sheep imported by Colonel Marks, of Saint Stephen, some time since. The public spirit of that gentleman has contributed in various ways to the improvement of farm stock in this County, and fully entitle him to the gratitude of the farming community.

The swine, likewise, shewed marked improvement, which proves that the money expended by the Society for that purpose, has been well applied.

The produce of the dairy offered for competition, was such as to prove the adaptation of this County for dairy purposes, and to warrant the conclusion, that with proper attention to the selection of stock, and to the manufacture of butter and cheese, dairies may become a source of wealth to our farmers.

The manufacture of woolen cloth is another branch of domestic industry that is deserving of every encouragement, and from the superior samples entered for competition at the late Fair, and the interest excited on that occasion, we have every reason to be satisfied that a right feeling exists amongst our farmers and their families, which is appreciated by all classes in the community.

The stirring spirit of emulation which has always been excited where well contested Cattle Shows and Fairs have been held and properly conducted, seems to have been attended with such beneficial results as to leave it no longer questionable, whether such exhibitions should be encouraged, it having become a settled principle among the best friends of Agriculture in all countries, to lend their aid, to countenance with their presence, and to promote with all their influence, a spirited competition in the reproduction of superior animals, and superior produce of every description, and rewarding the most successful efforts, by giving premiums from time to time, in proportion to their means. How far the Society will be able to foster a spirit of improvement by granting premiums for competition, and carry on all the other arrangements deemed necessary, must depend in some degree on the support which may be realized from the agricultural part of the community; and the disposition which has been exhibited during the past season, leads us to hope that they will hereafter better appreciate the exertions which the Society are making, in order to confer a lasting benefit upon the country, and to compensate, so as to strengthen their hands, and promote endeavors so worthy of their support.

The large sums paid annually for grass and clover seeds by our farmers, renders it worthy of con-

sideration, whether some encouragement should not be extended to persons settling on new lands, and having large quantities of hay at a distance from a market—could they be induced to turn their attention to the raising of those seeds? The demand for eastern or northern seed raised on new lands, has increased to such an extent, as to ensure a ready demand and a fair price for any quantity. The farmers in the interior of the State of Maine have, of late years, paid much attention to the growing of herds grass and clover seeds, and now export large quantities.

These remarks have been suggested in consequence of a sample of herds grass seed exhibited by Mr. John McCurdy, of this Parish, at the Society's Fair, which was equal, if not superior, to any we have seen imported, but to which the Committee could not give a premium, there being none appropriated for that purpose.

William Porter, Esq., of Saint Stephen, having liberally presented several bags of African guano to the Society in June last, with a view of affording some of our farmers an opportunity of testing its proprieties in this County, the same was distributed in small lots to farmers and gardeners, with the understanding that they would report the result of their experiments to your Secretary; but, as yet, he has received no notice from any person respecting it.

The President and Directors, fully assured of the paramount importance of agriculture, cannot conclude their twenty fifth Report, without urging one and all to bear in mind that our united exertions are necessary to sustain and promote the best interests of our common country; and that the object placed before us, is of human attachment, and for our own welfare and prosperity, and therefore calls for our zealous and united co-operation.

D. D. MORRISON *Secretary.*

On motion of the Hon. H. Hatch—Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Col. Marks for his laudible exertions in improving the breed of stock of various kinds in the County.

On motion of Col. Wyer—Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to William Porter, Esq., for his valuable present of guano, and that the Secretary convey the same in writing.

On motion of Mr. D. D. Morrison, the thanks of the Society was voted to Mr. John McDowal for his kindness and attention in furnishing accommodation for the Cattle Show and Fair in October last.

At six o'clock a large company sat down to a dinner prepared by Mr. Copeland. Several loyal and patriotic toasts were drank, with every demonstration of good feeling and respect, and several songs were sung. The company separated at an early hour, much pleased with their evening's entertainment.

REARING CATTLE, WITH A VIEW TO EARLY MATURITY.

The production of beef at the cheapest rate being the object in view, the first requisite is a stock of cows possessing qualities suitable for this purpose. Accordingly they should be good milkers, able to keep at the rate of two and a half to three calves each—of a kind known to have a tendency to fatten readily, and to come early to maturity, and of a structure likely to produce a vigorous well grown steer. In other words, they must be good short-horns; only having more regard to their milking properties than is usually done by the breeders of bulls. And here it would be well to