

## TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

**MACNAB.**—Fifty-eight members; subscription, \$87; balance from 1858; government grant (partly on account of 1858), \$175; total receipts, \$275.88. Paid for copies of *Agriculturist*, \$27.50; paid in premiums, \$118.63; expenses, \$38.86; balance in hands of treasurer, \$110.89.

**ROSS AND BROMLEY.**—Thirty-three members; subscriptions, \$40; balance from previous year, \$63.97; government grant, \$43.20; received from cloverseed sold, \$28; total received, \$175.17. Paid for clover seed \$32; premiums, \$69.15; expenses, \$19.45; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$54.57.

**WESTMEATH.**—Fifty members; subscriptions, \$54; government grant, \$43.20; total received, \$97.20. Paid in premiums, \$94.50; expenses, \$11.75; balance due treasurer, 9.05.

## RUSSELL.

**COUNTY SOCIETY.**—Sixty-six members; amount of subscriptions, \$66; deposited by township branches, \$427.77; government grant, \$479.98; total received, \$973.75. Paid township branches, \$685.77; incidental expenses, \$43.40; balance in treasurer's hands, \$244.58. Not having obtained their seeds till late in the season, the society did not hold an exhibition. They decided to apply their funds to the purchase of Ayrshire bulls for the improvement of the cattle in the county, believing the Ayrshires best adapted to the circumstances of the county.

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It is time for our farmers to bestir themselves in the matter of stock raising. If we cannot yet introduce into the country imported animals, the day is not far distant when they can do so. In the meantime, it is their power to infuse new blood into our native breed; that itself will be a step in the right direction.

The county of Russell has a very level aspect; soil generally good, well adapted to the raising of grain, hay, roots, and stock; great room yet for improvement in the different varieties of husbandry, although there are many instances of individual comfort and prosperity.

The crops of last year were better than those of the preceding in every instance, with the exception of hay, which was generally light. There has not yet been much attention paid to growing root crops, or to

horticulture. Arts and manufactures are not in a condition to enable us to make any remarks on the subject. The price of land varies from \$10 to \$20 per acre, according to quality and location.

In conclusion, the farmers of Russell may well be satisfied with their lot, possessed of soil capable of raising all the necessities of life in abundance. In close proximity to the future capital of Canada, as well as the great lumbering depot of the Ottawa country, they should redouble their exertions, study their profession scientifically as well as practically, and in due time they will make this fine country what nature intended it for.

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**CUMBERLAND AND CLARENCE.**—Thirty-four members; amount of subscriptions, \$136; share of public grant, \$96; total received, \$232. Paid in premiums, \$197.80; expenses, &c., \$34.20. The directors say:

"We regret to observe that the extent of land in fall wheat, in 1859, was considerably less than in the previous year, owing no doubt to the numerous failures then reported. It evidently appears that to ensure good crops of fall wheat more exertion and outlay will be necessary in preparing the land for this crop, as the light lands heretofore chiefly used cannot be relied on. The drainage of the heavy or clay lands, with suitable applications and tillage, must be resorted to before it will be profitable to cultivate extensively this most important crop."

**GLOUCESTER.**—Forty-one members; subscriptions, \$134.77; balance from previous year, \$31.90; share of public grant, \$96; total receipts, \$262.67. Paid premiums, \$192.38; copies *Agriculturist*, \$9.50; expenses, &c., \$59.43; balance in treasurer's hands, \$1.36.

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Root culture of the different sorts is on the increase. Awards at the Provincial Show being the result. The soil in various parts is well adapted for green crops. The manure heap is better looked after. Sheds for stock rapidly rising throughout the township, not haphazard system, but on the very best principle for utility as regards the animal, comfort, saving of labour, and neatness of design.

Some few have begun draining, while others are in a hopeful condition, wondering and considering if such a thing as a 3½ feet