

township societies, \$458; government grant, \$599.96; grant from County Council, \$150, special subscriptions and admission fees, \$32; total receipts, \$1644.34. Paid Township branches, \$817.70; premiums at fall and spring shows, \$537.25; expenses, \$85.23; balance in treasurer's hands, \$204.16.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

CLINTON.—Seventy-three members; amount of subscriptions, entry fees, &c., \$125; share of grant, \$73; total received, \$198. Paid in premiums, \$176.25; expenses \$21.75.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Fifty-two members; subscriptions, \$52; grant \$40.87; total receipts, \$92.87. Paid in premiums, \$74.63; expenses, \$13.66; balance in hand, \$4.03.

GRANTHAM.—One hundred and sixty nine members; amount of subscriptions, \$173; balance from 1858, \$92.46; public grant, \$157; grant from Township Council, \$40; admissions, \$12; total received, \$474.46. Paid in premiums, \$456; incidental expenses, \$40; balance \$21.54.

LOUTH.—Fifty-two members; amount of subscriptions, \$53; balance from 1858, \$25.77; share of public grant, \$55.70; grant from Township Council, \$20; total received, \$131.27. Amount paid in premiums, \$102.13; expenses, \$14.25; balance in hand, \$14.89.

NIAGARA.

ELECTORAL DIVISION SOCIETY.—Ninety six members; amount of subscriptions 1858, \$140; do. 1859, \$120; government grant 1858, \$360; do. 1859, \$216; grant from Lincoln County Council, \$50, total received, \$886. Amount paid in premiums, \$378.25; expenses, \$195.04; balance in hand, \$312.71.

Extracts from Reports.

The Directors feel it a pleasing duty to be able to congratulate the Society upon the admirable displays made by the members, as well at the floral, fruit, and vegetable show held on the ninth day of July last, as at the subsequent general exhibitions held on the 20th September.

These shows were far superior, as well in the number of the entries, as in the quality and character of most of the articles exhibited, to anything ever before witnessed in this vicinity, and this fact is indicative of the existence of a spirit of emulation which deserves to be carefully fostered, for it not merely augurs well for the future prosperity of

the society, but serves to show that industry and enterprise are rapidly realizing the important fact, with all its beneficial consequences, that the Niagara electoral division is indeed the Garden of Upper Canada.

The superiority of our position, arising from advantages of soil and climate, have been most strikingly demonstrated during the past year. It was observed during the preceding winter, that the thermometrical observations recorded at Toronto, and other points to the northward and westward, showed the mercury at 10 to 15 degrees lower than it sunk with us at the same times, and while the frosts of last spring and the early summer in other parts of Upper Canada totally destroyed most of the fruit crops, the damage they caused in this division was so trifling as to be hardly worth mentioning. The beneficial results were experienced in the large quantities of peaches, plums, grapes, pears and apples, exported at good prices to Toronto, Montreal and other markets in Canada, some portion to the markets of the United States, and some to the Province of New Brunswick, and some even to Great Britain itself. Adding the quantity required for home use to the exports, a total of 30,000 barrels would show the fruit crop of this Division.

From the experience of one of the members of your Society, it seems probable that, providing the Grand Trunk Railway and Montreal Steamers can arrange their freight tariff during the fruit season, so as to convey the products of our orchards from Toronto, Liverpool at a rate not exceeding a dollar and a half per barrel, our fruit-growers may look to Great Britain as their highest remunerating market.

From the experience of other members of the Society, it is demonstrated that grapes can be grown here for manufacture into wine on any scale of extent which may be considered desirable, and that the wine produced, in the hands of men versed in the processes of manufacture, will vie in quality with the best of imported articles.

The Directors feel it their duty to impart upon the members the benefits fairly to be anticipated from increasing the cultivation of marketable fruits, selecting the best sorts as most prolific bearers, and adapting the varieties to the most congenial soils; and they would also ask that experiments may be continued for the destruction of the curculio, as