

fall, and, to some extent, other agencies, as electricity and magnetism. Into this system of mind and progress, the mere laborer of the past has been introduced, and his progress naturally is onward, though with various success. The movement, however, is a forward one—there is no counter current, and but for public exhibitions, subscribers to our agricultural journals would have been far less numerous, and the contributors to them would have been almost confined to the occupant of the editorial chair. He who has read agricultural science, has acquired a taste for other science, and for reading, and ere long he is comparatively an educated man.

One point in which the value of the farming interest has been wonderfully enhanced in many sections of the country, chiefly by the agency of agricultural societies, is the improvement of farm-yard stock. The importation of foreign animals has been principally accomplished by individuals. But this movement was in many cases prompted by associated action, and it has been by the management of these societies that the benefits of the introduction of these animals have been so widely distributed over the country. The actual value of this one movement to the farmer is immense.

We trust all these considerations will weigh with the agricultural classes, in making preparation for the great gathering we anticipate at Sherbrooke. No one knows better than the farmer, that to reap well, we must sow well. Sherbrooke is the centre of a rich farming district, let the farmers apply themselves early and heartily to the work before them, and the success of the Exhibition will be as great as its most enthusiastic friends could desire.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the County of Montreal Agricultural Society, was held in the Court House in the City of Montreal, on Friday, the sixteenth day of February, 1855.

The President, John Dods, Esquire, being unavoidably absent, the meeting was called to order by Edward Quinn, Esquire. The Secretary then read the Report:—

Whereupon it was moved by John Penner, Esq., seconded by Patrick Fallon, Esq., that the report now read be received and adopted. Carried.

The parties present having paid their subscription for the ensuing year, the meet-

ing proceeded to the Election of Office Bearers.

Moved by Joseph Laporte, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Joseph Lanouette, Esq., that John Dods, Esq. be re-elected President of the Society for the ensuing year. Carried by acclamation.

Moved by Hugh Campbell, seconded by Alexander Somerville, that Joseph Lanouette be appointed Vice-President. Carried by acclamation.

Moved by John Penner, seconded by Hugh Brodie, that James Smith be re-elected Secretary Treasurer. Carried by acclamation.

Joseph Laporte, Esq., M. P. P., and Hugh Brodie were then appointed Scrutinizers, and the meeting proceeded to the election of Directors.

The following gentlemen were declared duly elected, viz:—

- Joseph Laporte, M. P. P., } unani-
- H. Campbell, Esq., Petite Cote, } mously.
- Joseph Deschamps, Esq., Hochelaga.
- Peter King, Esq., St Laurent.
- Leon Laporte, Pointe-aux-Trembles.
- Patrick Fallon, Esq., Lachine.
- Andre Langlois, Esq., Pointe-aux-Trembles.

It was then moved by Edward Quinn, seconded by John Penner, that Thos. E. Campbell, Esq., A. Lemaire, Esq., Sorel, R. N. Watts, Esq., of Drummondville, and John Dods, Esq., Petite Cote, be named for the Bureau of Agriculture. Carried.

The Directors of the County of Montreal Agricultural Society respectfully report—

The period for a new election of officers to administer the affairs of the Society having arrived, it becomes our duty to submit to a statement for the year now expiring for your consideration and approval; in discharging this duty we will first state the different subjects of Finance with as much brevity as possible, referring you to the accompanying detailed lists of premises, &c.

The income of the Society for the year was composed as follows, viz:—

Balance from the year 1853.	£ 17 7 6
Subscribers for the year, 312—	
giving a sum total of...	152 18 9
Amount of Government Grant	225 0 0
Premiums awarded to Bulls belonging to the Society, at the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec	10 0 0
Interests on deposits for the year.	3 3 11
	408 10 2

EXPENDITURE.

Amount of Premiums awarded at the County Cattle Show, General Class.	£ 81 10 0
Ditto English Class.	33 10 0
Ditto French Canadian Class.	30 0 0
Ditto Crops, English Class.	27 5 0
Ditto do. French do.	22 10 0

Ditto awarded at Ploughing Match, English class.	10 0 0
Ditto French Canadian Class.	7 15 0
Ditto Young Men's Class.	3 15 0
To paid John Penner, Esq., cost of Pens at County Exhibition, still useful.	10 0 0
To paid Hew Ramsy, Esq., Proprietor Agricultural Journal.	13 17 6
To paid Mr. James Drummond's expenses to and from Quebec, to Ploughing Match.	5 0 0
To paid Mr. Hugh Campbell's disbursements for Bulls to and from Quebec.	4 7 9
To paid Commercial Advertiser.	0 15 0
Transcript.	3 4 6
Minerve.	4 4 9
Gazette.	0 5 10
To paid Freight of Bull by the "Home."	17 3 9½
To paid Freight of ditto to Lachine, &c.	0 12 6
Paid cost of Freight of Pig, lost at sea.	16 5 6
Paid to Judges on Crops, and at exhibition.	12 17 6
Postage throughout the year.	0 15 0
Secretary-Treasurer's Commission.	21 8 0
Balance.	81 7 7½
	£408 10 2

From the above, it will be seen that the Financial Department is in a flourishing state, the Treasurer having a balance in his hands, amounting to the sum of Eight-one Pounds Seven Shillings and Seven-pence, after all claims against the Secretary have been liquidated.

That an improved system of Farming has, within a few years, been introduced into the County; that unproductive and worn out lands are being rescued from that condition, and are becoming valuable and fruitful, are facts that cannot be denied; but we have yet much to accomplish, and can only hope for general success by a united effort to diffuse knowledge on farming subjects. The majority of Farmers in Canada are, perhaps, more remarkable for their deference to the maxims and methods of olden times, than the farmers of any other country; and until within a very short period, our Canadian brethren could not be persuaded to adopt, or test any other system than that which had been handed down to them by their predecessors. A spirit of emulation and enquiry is, however, now perceptible, and they now enter into honorable competition with their more successful neighbours, and are not slow to copy any method ensuring better results. We are proud to promulgate the fact, that not only is a change perceptible,