

those held in the Townships, and each person who subscribed one dollar towards the funds of any Township Society was entitled to exhibit stock or produce to any extent, at the County Show, without being required to make any further payment. This system had the effect of bringing all the best stock and produce in the County into direct competition, and was attended with the most gratifying results, and gave entire satisfaction to all parties concerned.

The following Table will show the amount of Premiums offered in each class, throughout the County, in the year 1851, and the number of Lots entered to compete for each :

| Class. | Amount offered. | | | Number of Lots entered to compete. |
|----------------------|-----------------|----|----|------------------------------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | |
| Horses, | 69 | 17 | 6 | 370 |
| Horned Cattle, | 54 | 10 | 0 | 310 |
| Sheep, | 33 | 17 | 6 | 222 |
| Hogs, | 21 | 7 | 6 | 43 |
| Grain, | 45 | 15 | 0 | 289 |
| Seeds, | 14 | 12 | 6 | 95 |
| Roots, | 18 | 10 | 0 | 332 |
| Dairy Produce, | 22 | 15 | 0 | 216 |
| Manufactures, | 23 | 3 | 9 | 177 |
| Ploughing, | 35 | 10 | 0 | 95 |

Total amount of Premiums, £339 18 9 Total lots 2149

The County Society has been re-organized under the Statute 14 and 15 Vic. cap. 127, and the following is a list of the officers elected :

President.

JAMES WRIGHT, Esq., of Guelph.

Vice-Presidents.

JAMES COWAN, Esq., of Waterloo.

Secretary and Treasurer.

JOHN HARLAND, of Guelph.

Directors.

JOHN McCREA, Esq., of Guelph.

ALEXANDER HARVEY, Esq., of Fergus, in the Township of Nichol.

JAMES ROSS, Esq., of the Township of Pilkington.

WM. CLARK, Esq., of the Township of Erin.

DAVID STIRTON, Esq., of the Township of Puslinch.

Guelph, 20th March, 1852.

LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SARNIA, April 2nd, 1852.

To the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture.

SIR:—The Lambton Agricultural Society not having been formally organized, as such, till February last, the Directors have not deemed it necessary to present a formal Report. Nevertheless, as many of the members of this Society were formerly members of the St. Clair Agricultural

Society, we have thought it proper to present, through you, to the Board of Agriculture, a brief statement of our position and prospects in reference to Agriculture.

This and the neighbouring Townships began to be settled about 1834 or 1835. For a long period the settlers were very widely scattered, and as in all new localities, they had many and great difficulties to contend with. Determined perseverance, however, in time, overcame many of these difficulties, and the more enterprising began to think of further improvements. In Dec. 1843, the St. Clair Agricultural Society was formed, and continued in operation till it was superseded by the formation of the Lambton Agricultural Society. This and the neighboring Townships have been much benefited by the Agricultural Society. Stock has been much improved, especially cattle and sheep. A spirit of enterprise and emulation has been excited among farmers, which, while it tends to develop their own individual powers, tends also to bring to light the latent resources of the country.

At the annual Show of the St. Clair Agricultural Society, held in October last, we had a very creditable exhibition of Agricultural produce.—Some very good horses were exhibited, a number of excellent cattle, both of the Durham and native breeds, as also some very superior sheep. The wheat crop having been abundant in this locality, a great many excellent specimens were exhibited. Roots of various kinds were well represented. There were also some fine specimens of apples and other fruits. A great variety of articles of domestic manufacture were also exhibited. The amount of premiums awarded at the Show was £29 12s. 6d.

Our Society, as now organized, consists of one hundred and thirty members. Our finances are in a flourishing condition, there being in the Treasurer's hand at present the sum of £75.

We are now directing our efforts to the improvement of our breed of horses, and hope that we shall succeed. We are also endeavouring to obtain improved implements, and improved varieties of the different kinds of grain; all matters of the greatest moment.

Our section of country is yet new, and in many respects far behind, but we will do our best to follow the older and more advanced sections of our country.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT SIMS, *President.*

EBEN. WATSON, *Secretary.*