

on the lots contiguous to such reserve might claim, the patents of the lots so situated shall contain a condition binding the proprietors, tenants or occupants of such lots, to renounce for ever any claim to all rights and duties as between neighbors (*droits de voisinage*), and a reduction may be made in the selling price of such lots in consideration of the disadvantages which might result from the preceding provision, if the Commissioner of Crown Lands deems it advisable.


Management of reserve.

4. The Governor in Council may transfer the control and management of every such reserve to such municipal or other authorities willing to undertake the same, as he shall think proper to select, and under such conditions as he shall impose.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall have the effect of restricting in any way whatsoever, the rights, powers and privileges conferred by chapter twenty-five of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.

6. This Act shall apply only to Lower Canada.

COUNTY OF PONTIAC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.



T the annual meeting of the members of the County of Pontiac Agricultural Society, convened and held on the 21st day of December, 1865, in conformity with the acts of the Legislature in that behalf,—it was moved by George Hodgins, and seconded by Hugh Brownlee, that Mr. John Strutt do take the chair.

The following report was then read by the Secretary :

The Directors of the County of Pontiac Agricultural Society have now to make the ninth annual report, and in doing so have to congratulate the members on the continued satisfactory state of the Society. Notwithstanding that the two former past seasons having operated so much against the agricultural interest in the County, the Society at its exhibition in October proved that it kept its ground, and that the past season, with its bountiful produce, has been the means of keeping it not only in a comparatively healthy state, but it is to be hoped will be the means of causing an accession to the membership. However, your Directors must reiterate the surprise so often expressed by their predecessors, of the apathy still existing in the support of the Society by many respectable farmers

in the adjoining townships. The benefits scattered by the Society through a period of nine years in the diffusion of prizes, of agricultural knowledge, and of the properties of stock purchased by it, and stationed at different parts of the townships, ought, in the opinion of your Directors, to form a stimulus to those who have not yet joined the association.

The introduction of fresh stock during the past year has been a main feature of your Directors, which they hope will prove of much benefit to the Society. However, with the utmost caution, cases will arise in which animals may not turn out to expectation; but in general the stock heretofore purchased has answered well, and infused good blood into the stock of the members availing themselves thereof. Your Directors need hardly represent that the report of the judges of crops was extremely favorable, all sorts of produce being in abundance.

The number of members keeps up to an average, and the entries in detail of all kinds are as follows, viz :

Growing crops, 144; agricultural products, 131; horticultural, 22; dairy produce, 12; woollen goods, 40; implements and harness, 32; ladies' department, 52; live stock, 204; drawing, 4; fencing, 11; flax, 5. Thus there is an increase over the last year in class growing crops of 19; in agricultural products, 44; horticulture, 9; woollen goods, 13; ladies' department, same as last year; live stock, same as last year; while the minor departments all exceed those of the previous year.

There were 10 competitors at the ploughing matches, which went off with the usual harmony.

The names of the members are as follows, and are appended to this report; and the balance to the credit of the Society is \$———, account also hereto appended.

Your Directors cannot close this report without adverting to the fact of the Board of Agriculture having addressed a circular to the Society, desiring it to consider whether it would be expedient for the Society to purchase a quantity of flax seed, to be imported by the Government, subject only to cost and charges, when your Directors, after due discussion and consideration of the subject, came to the conclusion that in view of the want of machinery as yet in the County for its preparation, and that as sundry of the members have raised considerable flax, with no means of manufacture,