

the day of Exhibition few were on the ground, and those shown were declared by the Judges not adapted to this section of country. Your Directors feel that a great necessity exists for improving the breed of horses in this section of the Province, and would urge members to give the subject most careful and serious consideration.

In the spring a communication was received from the Board of Agriculture, informing your Directors that the Board had a quantity of superior flax seed on hand, which they had taken great pains to secure, for seed, and offering it for sale to the Society. Six bushels were purchased, and, although offered at cost, and widely advertised, only about three bushels were disposed of to members.

The Fall Show of the Society, held in October last, was not equal to its predecessor. The number of entries was not so great, and the falling off was general, not confined to any particular class. The out-door exhibition was small. The number of horses, cattle, sheep, and swine, being below what was expected, while the display of agricultural implements was comparatively even less. In the vegetable and grain department the show was excellent; the wheat and oats being, perhaps, superior to any ever before grown in this riding; while the potatoes, turnips, beets, carrots, cabbage, &c., were equally creditable.

#### TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

CAYAN.—Fifty-four members, amount of subscription, \$54; balance from previous year, \$31 80; share of public grant, \$54; fees, \$6; total receipts, \$148 80. Paid in premiums at Spring and Fall Show, \$101; expenses, \$33 85; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$13 95.

HOPE.—One hundred and sixty-four members, amount of subscription, \$164 50; balance from previous year, \$132 10; share of public grant, \$163; total receipts, \$459 60. Paid Treasurer of County Society for purposes of joint exhibition, &c., \$274; paid for copies of *Agriculturist* for members, \$75; incidental expenses, \$35 60; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$75.

#### *Extract from Report.*

Your Directors have started a Club in the Township for the discussion of subjects con-

nected with Agriculture, and they are of opinion that much good would result if farmers would more generally attend its meetings.

Your Directors appropriated \$250 towards holding a joint exhibition with the County Society, and believe the money better expended than if they had held a separate exhibition.

#### WEST DUNFAM.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Eighty-seven members; amount of subscription, \$87; balance on hand from previous account, \$25.96; deposited by Township societies, \$271; Legislative grant, \$478.98; total receipts, \$862.94. Amount paid Township societies, \$57.9; paid in premiums, \$292.50; expenses, &c., \$32.16; balance due Treasurer, \$50.66.

#### *Extracts from Report.*

Your Directors have great pleasure in making known the success of the Fall Show. We have not upon any previous occasion had such a display of stock and manufactures, nor yet so many improvements in the various departments.

There were in all 479 entries, being an increase over the past year of 107. The principle increase being in horses, cattle, sheep, domestic manufactures, agricultural implements and dairy products.

Your directors cannot pass over the exhibition without drawing attention to its principle features and good results. In order to show and compare these improvements, we would require to look into the records of past exhibitions, and to times when agriculture was at a very low ebb in this County.

The materials out of which this society was formed are very old. It was first formed at a time when no Legislative grant was received; its existence depended entirely upon the energy of its individual members; it was formed for mutual benefit. Their stocks and seeds had so much deteriorated by constant combinations and sowings, that they required to get something new to infuse fresh vigor; they procured fresh seeds, stock, and implements; they did not at this time award prizes, but upon the 20th day of January, 1831, a society was regularly organized, under the provisions of Legislature, passed in March, 1830. This wise enactment came very opportunely to the assistance of those pioneers of agricultural societies. The very