

given of the intention to form such Society; and where there already exist four or more Societies in the same County, no extra Society shall be formed without the permission and approval of the Board.

#### WINTER WHEAT.

Dr. Hamilton placed upon the table an excellent sample of winter wheat raised by him in Cornwallis this season, from some of the grain obtained by the Board as a present from the Canada Company. It was likewise stated by several members of the Board that the Fyfe wheat, of which large quantities had been distributed during the past two years, had turned out remarkably well, and that the crop this season was all that could be desired. The Russian wheat has grown very well and ripened early, but is to some extent affected with rust. The Horse Beans introduced by the Board have this season yielded heavy crops.

#### VISIT TO THE OAKLANDS DAIRY FARM.

After the meeting the members of the Board, by the kind invitation of William Cunard, Esq., visited Oaklands, and spent some time in inspecting the improvements that have been recently introduced by the spirited proprietor. The party visited the celebrated herd of Alderneys, and were no less gratified by the fine appearance of this beautiful stock, than by the excellent quality of the butter which was being made in the Dairy from their rich cream. The animals are being fed on green corn, which Mr. Cunard raises in large quantities, and thus obtains enormous dairy returns in a dry fall like the present, when the cows of many of our farmers are starving for want of pasture. The special object of interest was a Convertible Plough recently imported from England; it was made by Messrs. Ransomes & Co., of Ipswich, and can be used as a plough or as a potato digger. Horses were soon yoked, and various members of the Board engaged in agricultural operations, ploughing, and potato lifting, for the purpose of testing the implement. Its operations in potato lifting were particularly admired, for it was at once obvious that the improvement would be a great labour-saver. The members of the Board, after inspecting the agricultural departments, the horses and pig pens, where there were some fine porkers of Berkshire and Suffolk blood—proceeded to regale the senses in the splendid Conservatories and Grape Houses. A large new VINERY was erected last fall, about 120 feet long by 25 feet wide; it is a lofty and most elegant structure, every improvement has been introduced, and the Vines, although quite young, have already made rapid and healthy growth.

In another Vinery, the Black Hamburgs and White Muscats were pro-

nounced "most excellent," after a fair trial. In the Conservatories and Greenhouses, Camellias were already coming into bloom, the Stephanotis floribunda had large masses of its sweet snowy blossoms. The Wax Plant, *Hoya carnosa*, was likewise in flower, the *Abutilon striatum* nearly gone. One of the *Sikkim Rhododendrons* is growing into a fine specimen; there were several *Altingias* and *Cypresses*,—and in the Flower Garden which lies under the drawing room windows, there was a perfect mass of blossom and parti-coloured foliage. The building of fine houses is an evidence of advancement in civilization; but, as Lord Bacon said long ago, to farm and garden finely is a greater perfection.

#### ADJOURNED MEETING.

*New Province Building,*  
October 2, 1869.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Agriculture was held this forenoon in the new Province Building,—the Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, President, in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved of, and in accordance therewith the following gentlemen were named a committee to superintend the distribution of money grants to agricultural societies throughout the province, viz.: Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, Hon. R. A. McHaffey, W. Cunard, Esq., Joseph J. Northup, Esq., T. H. Rand, Esq., H. Yeomans, Esq., and Dr. Lawson, Secretary.

Various other matters of detail were arranged.

#### AGRICULTURAL BONE MILL.

It was announced that the bone mill established at Halifax, under the auspices of the Board, continued in active operation, and was being conducted by Mr. Stanford in a highly satisfactory manner. Large quantities of ground bones of various qualities are now on hand, and may be obtained by the farmers, at reasonable prices.

#### WHEAT CULTURE.

The members of the Board were engaged for some time in conversation on the subject of the result of the grain importations that had been made during the last few years by the Board,—the result of which seemed to be that of all the varieties of wheat tried—the Fyfe wheat, of which about a thousand bushels have been distributed and sown in the province, is the best adopted for our soils and climate.

In accordance with a suggestion of the Hon. Mr. Wilkins, Attorney General, the Secretary was directed to enter into correspondence with the Imperial authorities at St. Petersburg, with the view of obtaining additional information respecting the varieties of wheat grown in northern Russia.

#### HINTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

(Abridged from the *Gardener's Monthly*.)  
FLOWER GARDEN AND PLEASURE GROUND.

At present, one person's garden is too much a copy of another, where the style of massing with colored leaves prevails. Two very good silver-leaved plants of this season's introduction are *Centaurea gymnocarpa*, which has leaves very much like the old "Miller's Geranium" (*Cineraria maritima*); as it does not grow so tall as that it is better adapted to some forms of masses. The other is a white leaved, woody but trailing gnaphalium also called *gymnocarpum*, but we suspect wrongly named. The large variegated Periwinkle is not much in use, though not amongst the least valuable by any means. It is a good season to think of these things; as wherever this kind of gardening is to be done, six months is little enough to get the plants ready in.

We think ornamental vines have been too much overlooked in the summer decoration of grounds. We have seen this summer some remarkably pretty effects from the hybrid *Nasturtiums*, *Cypress vine*, *Maurandia*, and other summer vines. There are several new "morning glories" of various colors, of which pretty groups could be made; but as these are mostly closed before nine o'clock, they are of no use to city ladies, but are charmingly sweet things for the country girls, who always have the best of everything in life, though not always thinking so.—These vines could be arranged on fancy figures, or according to colors, and certainly the effects in some parts of the ground would be as striking as that derived from leaf plants.

Planting of spring bulbs, tulips, hyacinths, crocus, snowdrops, fritillarias, lilies, &c., and the transplanting of shrubs, and division of herbaceous plants, will occupy chief attention in October. All herbaceous plants are much better for being protected through winter by a covering of dry leaves, on which a little soil is thrown to keep the leaves from blowing away. Half-hardy roses and vines may be protected in the same way. When they are very long and slender, they are taken down from their trellises, and coiled into circles as small as may be, without risk of breaking them, and then the soil put on. Those things that grow late, such as many kinds of *Noisette* Roses, should have their immature top shoots shortened a few weeks before the protecting process is commenced. The wound will then heal over, and not cause the decay of the upper portion of the shoots, as is very often the case when they are either cut at laying down, or not shortened at all.

Of course, those roots that suffer by frost should be taken up before danger.