

our neighbors across the line, are now sold by the barrel or otherwise, in our market in Barrie; and by the same means of transit we can supply them with lumber, &c., the growth of our Canadian Forest.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

NOTTAWASAGA.—Sixty eight members; amount of subscriptions, \$103; balance from 1858, \$34.09; share of public grant, \$50.80; total received, \$187.89. Paid in premiums, \$112; expenses, \$33.10; balance in hands of Treasurer, \$42.79.

ORILLIA.—Twenty five members; subscriptions, \$134; balance from previous year, \$30.12; government grant, \$82.90; total received, \$247.02. Paid for clover seed, \$53.72; paid for keep of bull owned by Society, \$42.55; copies of *Agriculturist*, \$13; paid for seed wheat, and charges on do., \$91.50; expenses, \$22.45; balance in hand \$23.80.

Extract from Report.

We have pleasure in stating that root crops are more extensively cultivated than formerly, and especially this season. The backwardness of the spring and appearance of a failure in the hay crop caused many to sow more than their ordinary quantity of Swedish Turnips, which have generally done well, and will in some measure meet the deficiency of the hay crop.

Fall Wheat is not sown to any extent in this locality, being liable either to be winter-killed or injured by rust. This year however, the crop has been an average one, and quality good.

Spring Wheat has been a full average crop, quality excellent, yield varying from 15 to 30 bushels per acre, according to quality of soil and state of cultivation. We have suffered no loss as yet from midge or wheat fly, but it has made its appearance in North Simcoe, at no great distance from us, and judging from its depredations in other sections we have reason to dread such a visitor.

Peas and oats were both a fair crop, some early oats suffered from the dry weather in the early part of summer, but on the whole may be considered an average crop, quality good.

Indian Corn, which generally does well here, has this year in general proved a complete failure, being injured by frost both in spring and fall.

Potatoes—a considerable breadth of ground

was under this crop, which had a fine appearance and gave promise of an abundant return, but the severe early autumnal frosts reduced the probable amount at least one third.

ORO.—Forty-three members; subscriptions, \$142.45; balance from 1858, \$45.35; share of public grant, \$83.72; entries, &c. \$15.69; total received, \$287.21. Paid premiums at show and plowing match, \$144.75; paid for clover seed, \$74.30; copies *Agriculturist*, \$20; incidental expenses, \$33.01; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$15.15.

VESPRE.—Thirty-eight members, subscriptions, \$109.50; balance from previous year, \$46.01; share of public grant, \$70.55; total received, \$226.07. Paid in premiums, \$110.25; paid for clover seed, \$79.52; copies *Agriculturist*, \$12.50; incidental expenses, \$28.09; total expenditure, \$230.36; balance due Treasurer, \$1.29.

Extracts from Report.

The soil of this township, (a sandy loam) generally speaking, not being of the best, though yielding fair average crops as long as the surface vegetable mould lasts, which is only for a very few years, requires careful tillage to keep the crops up to the mark. Experience has taught that sowing with grain year after year will not answer. To keep the soil productive a regular rotation of crops must be adopted, root crops and clovering cannot be dispensed with, and it is imperitively necessary that the most should be made out of the barn-yard by way of manure; too much neglect is apparent in this respect. The farmer appears to make the most of every thing to supply his present necessities, takes to market his hay, and even his straw, half starves his cattle, robs his farm and consequently himself. So long as this continues the yield of our farms will necessarily decrease. There is a great necessity for improvement in the stock farming of this township, a majority of the farmers seem to content themselves with the old state of things, and, with few exceptions, make no effort to improve their stock, though the means for so doing are placed within their reach, for, as might be seen at our exhibition, we have some excellent thorough bred animals in the townships, and the farmers have only themselves to blame for having stock which is neither fit for the dairy or the butcher. We are of opinion that it would conduce materially to the interests of the