

Royal Agricultural Society Grain Show.  
7th March.

AWARD OF THE JUDGES:

Best Wheat, Mr. John Bell, Cape Traverse, weight, 65 lbs.	£1 30 0
Second best do., Captain Woolner, Ruston, weight, 61 lbs.	1 0 0
Best two-rowed Barley, Philip Simmons.	1 10 0
Second do., J. W. Deane.	1 0 0
Best four-rowed Barley, Thomas Roid.	1 10 0
Second do., John Bryenton.	1 0 0
Best Oats, Mr. Garthurs.	1 10 0
Second do., Mr. Francis Bell.	1 0 0

Upwards of Forty Bags were exhibited, and the samples contained in them were of a very superior quality. The Judges were Messrs. James Mill, Isaac Thomson and George Smith.

On the close of the Show, the Report of the Committee for the year ending 1st March 1855 was read, and on motion of Hon. D. Brean, was adopted and ordered to be published.

On motion of His Honor Judge Peters, seconded by Hon. D. Brean, That His Excellency Dominick Daly, Esq. Lieutenant Governor, be requested to accept the office of Patron of the Society.

His Excellency, being present, was pleased to signify his acceptance of the office.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers-barrers for the ensuing twelve months:

John Longworth, Esq., President,

Hon. George Coles, Esq., Vice Presidents,

Hon. Henry Longworth, Esq.,

Hon. W. Swabey,

Hon. S. Ayles,

Hon. J. D. Peters, Esq., re-elected,

Hon. Judge Peters, do.

John Lyall, Esq.,

MEMBERS,

George Writtle, Esq.,

Mr. George Smith,

D. Hodgson, Esq.,

C. H. B. Esq.,

George Barnall, Esq.,

Mr. John Johnson,

Mr. Isaac Thompson.

REPORT

of the Royal Agricultural Society.

In presenting their customary Annual Report, the Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society conceive, that it will not be out of place to take a short retrospective view of the operations of the Society. The most prejudiced persons must be struck with the evident improvement that has taken place in the agriculture of the Colony since the formation of the Society. Farmers during the few years of its existence, and your Committee cannot but feel gratified, that the Society has been instrumental, in a very great degree, in developing the agricultural capabilities of this fertile Island.

The objects contemplated by the promoters of this Society, were the following,—to afford the best information that could be procured for the Agriculturists of the Colony,—to furnish them with all necessary seeds at the lowest possible cost, and to import Stock of the best breeds from other Countries, in order that the native breeds should be improved, and a character established for our live stock in the neighbouring Provinces.

Your Committee have endeavoured to carry out these good intentions, and although there is still room for improvement, they conceive, that the general result which have attended its labours, are such as to afford much present cause for congratulation and great encouragement for the future prospects of the farming population of this Island. Who can be blind to the advantages derived from the annually increasing and extensive cultivation of the Turnip? Who can deny the improvement that has taken place of late years in the condition of our Cattle, Sheep and Pigs; and does not the great demand for our Horses, and the prices which they have realized, prove that the attention of the neighbouring Provinces to this particular Stock has been excited, and its character appreciated?

The extent to which the growth of the Turnip has been carried, is evidenced by the increase in the annual Sales of seed at the Depot of the Society and its Branches, being:

in the year 1852,	1450 lbs.
" 1853,	2500 "
" 1854,	3030 "

and for the ensuing season 5000 lbs. have been already imported, and an order forwarded to England for an additional quantity to be shipped in the Spring. For the Premiums offered last year there were, in Queen's County, twenty-seven Competitors, and the average yield per acre was in a proportion to the quantity in the cultivation of this valuable root, may be witnessed the improvement in our Sheep and Cattle, and the Dairy comes in for its fair proportion. And so long as the Legislature exhibits its munificence by granting so large a portion of the Public Revenue for the importation of Horses, no fair proportion to the amount, that the Legislature established for this description of the Live Stock of the Island will be lost. The

Horses imported in 1853, your Committee have reason to believe, have given satisfaction, and the young Stock are promising and likely to be suitable for the wants of the Island. Your Farmer will be well pleased.

Increased attention to this subject will be found necessary, if the Export Trade in Horses is to be preserved, as our neighbours in the adjoining Provinces have recently imported several Stud Horses.

The Grain Crops throughout the Island have been generally well secured. The average Crop, but better than the preceding year, and the Oat has again suffered partially from Blight or Rust. To obtain a change of seed, some Black Oats have been ordered from Britain, and arrangements will be made to procure an exchange of seed with the neighbouring Province.

Barley was a fair crop and has commanded unusually high prices, there having been a considerable demand for exportation; in fact, the prices of all Agricultural Production in the fall, were such as could not fail to have been remunerative to the Farmer, and since the close of the navigation, the rates have rather advanced. The variety known as the two-rowed is the most valuable for malting purposes, and is believed to be the most remunerative to the grower, and your Committee would repeat the advice frequently given to the grower, that it should be cultivated in preference to any other variety.

It has been communicated to your Committee, that Wheat, by late sowing, say, on or about the 1st day of June, in some parts of the country where it could not be grown to advantage for some years previous, holds its own in the face of the attacks of the Midge, and to yield a good return. The old White or Tea Wheat and the Golden Straw are considered to be the best varieties to sow.

Cattle Shows have been held in each of the Counties as usual, the several Reports of which have been already given in the Papers of this Gazette, and will give general information, be appended to the Copy of this Report when printed for distribution. In connection with the subject of Cattle, your Committee have deemed it expedient to order from England another Durham Bull, as the Stock exhibited at several Shows during the last few years, from that breed, have given universal satisfaction from their early maturity and fine condition, which must be mainly attributed to careful and judicious breeding, as well as to good feeding, the same remark will apply to the other descriptions of Stock exhibited at our Easter Shows.

There are now several calves of improved breeds, chiefly the Durlam, continue, and high prices have been readily paid by farmers from distant parts of the Island, the Society, as customary, bearing one-half the cost, and your Committee have been informed, that most parts of the Island have supplied themselves in this way have been well satisfied with the result.

Of the four Rams shipped from England last fall, three were landed alive and have been placed under the charge of the Hon. E. C. Haythorne, Henry Longworth and Charles Haszard, Esq., respectively; the fourth was unfortunately lost, and the four of these gentlemen are to be offered to the Society, for purchase and distribution throughout the Island. Eighteen Ram Lambs of the best breeds that could be obtained, were also purchased by the Society for a similar purpose, and are now in charge of W. Swabey, Jun. Esq.

At the Easter Show of Fat Cattle to be held on the 4th of next month, Prizes to the amount of £10 are offered to be competed for by Island-bred Stallions, or which the Committee hope to see a good competition.

Your Committee, having reason to believe that false reports are frequently put in circulation of the value of Agricultural produce in the various parts to which the produce of this Island is shipped, whereby injury might occur to the interests of the farmer, have made arrangements to receive correct information on the subject, which will be published in the papers of the Charlotte Town newspapers, to which they would direct the attention of the farmers.

The Annual Exhibition of the Industrial Manufactures and Agricultural Products, was held on the 1st November. The quality of the various articles did not merit the high praise which was bestowed in the Charlotte Town newspapers, to which they would direct the attention of the farmers.

Since your Committee presented their last Report, the subject of Agricultural Chemistry has been brought to the notice of the Farmers, in various parts of the Island, by Mr. Stark, a gentleman who has been engaged by the Government, as Visitor of Schools, combining with that office the duties of Lecturer on Agricultural Chemistry. Being the first year of Mr. Stark's labours, your Committee do not feel themselves warranted to make any extended remarks on the subject, but would refer the Members of the Society, and others interested, to Mr. Stark's Report of his proceedings in the capacity of Lecturer on Agricultural Chemistry, (a copy of which will be annexed to this Report). Your Committee trust that his labor in

this department of science may prove of that benefit to the Agriculturists of this Island, (particularly by instruction to the young generation), which the experience of other countries engaged in Agricultural pursuits, appears to warrant. To aid in this, your Committee have ordered from Britain 500 copies of Professor Johnston's Agricultural Catechism, and 50 copies of the Elements of Agricultural Chemistry, by the same author, for distribution among the Schools in such manner as may be most beneficial.

The Branch Societies, which have been established under the auspices of this Society, are steadily advancing in their operations, and your Committee have reason to believe, have contributed much to the interests and betterment in the respective districts, who have become subscribed to them. In fact, this year, your Committee have extended, as, if properly conducted, they would be serviceable in many large settlements; this, however, depends upon the people themselves, and any information on the subject, can be had by application at the office in Charlotte Town.

That the Managers of the Agricultural Society may occasionally fall into error in the details of its business, can be a matter of no great astonishment, when experiments made on apparently sound bases, sometimes disappoint general expectation, but, for any one to suppose that the committees of the Society, are unwisely err, is as unreasonable, as it is unjust. Your Committee have always acted under a full sense of their responsibility, and have ever been actuated by an earnest desire to perform to the utmost of their abilities the duties attaching to their office. They have ever shown a desire to act with the most impartiality, and the laws and regulations of the Society have been constructed, that, if strictly adhered to, no act of favoritism or partiality can be shown.

Your Committee, before concluding their Report, would make some allusion to the Treaty of Reciprocity between the United States, and the British Colonies in North America. In its present position, a great deal must be left to conjecture, but surely it is not unreasonable to expect, that the farming interest of this Colony will receive benefit from its operation.

There can scarcely be a doubt, that a wider field for our Agricultural Produce would be opened to us, if, in all probability, a market provided at our doors, should the Fisheries be carried on to the extent that many anticipate from the activity and enterprise of our neighbors in the United States.

UNREMITTING KINDNESS.—A certain man went to California, and remained there two years, leaving his wife dependent on her relatives. Mrs. F. expatiating on the cruel conduct of the absentee found a warm advocate in a friend.

"I have heard," said the latter, "that he is the kindest of men, and I know he writes to his wife every packet."

"Yes, he writes," replied Mrs. F. "a parcel of news dependent on the agony of absence, but he has never remitted to her a shilling. Do you call that kindness?"

"Decidedly," replied the other, "unremitting kindness."

A chap from the country, stopping at one of our inns, being asked by the waiter, whether he had been given six black tea, replied, "I didn't care a darn two what color it was, so it had plenty of sweet'n in it."

MR. STIRLING, who was minister of the Barony Church in Glasgow, during the war which this and other countries maintained against the insatiable ambition of Louis XIV., in that part of his prayer which relates to public affairs, used to beseech that who rules the world, might be shaken over the mouth of the infernal regions; "but, good Lord! (added the worthy man, charitably), *dinna let him fa' in!*"

HINTS TO YOUNG LADIES.—A great deal of time is wasted in winter in the parlour—by the fire and talking of the cold, in delaying to set about a piece of work, because it requires one to leave the room. But a little resolution will remedy all this. You can make yourself as comfortable by taking your work or book, and sitting at a moderate distance from the fire, as by hanging fully over it, as if you ran off briskly after what you need, the exercise will warm you better than the parlour-fire.

A CORRESPONDENT SAYS:—"You ask, were Lord Raglan to scale the walls of Sebastopol alone, would that be considered a General assault?" I answer, two or three months ago it would; but now it could hardly be regarded as a very indifferent *Marshall* (marital) assault.

JUST THE REVERSE.—We read of a poor fellow having been lost in a well. Of course such a misfortune couldn't contribute to his well-being!

LITERS.—The *Standard* of the press, and will shortly appear—several fine double Gloucesters &c.

MOCK PORT.—This is the red wine usually drank in this country after dinner. What a pity, it is not half as much like the liquor it pretends to be, as mock turtle is like real!

"Wra can be cured most be endured," as the man said of his neighbour's noisy pig.