

LIST

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IN IRELAND,

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FOR THE YEAR 1874

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INTRODUCTION.

THE Committee of the Agricultural Society of Ireland having collected as much information as they could, respecting the various Local Societies which exist in different parts of the Country, have thought it advisable to print short extracts from the same, arranged in such a manner as to show in what Counties the greatest desire for improvement is to be found. They have selected the Premium Lists which appeared to be drawn up with the greatest attention to the wants of the farmer, and the rules of some of the Local Societies, as a guide to those who may wish to establish such, in connexion with the Agricultural Society.

Much more depends upon the judicious selection of subjects for premiums than is generally imagined: their object ought always to be, not so much to encourage the exhibition of excellence in one individual, as to direct the public attention to the attainment of knowledge upon some particular point.— Upon this account it is hoped that the publication

of the Premium Lists may be of use, in pointing out not only what is worthy of imitation, but what is defective. For instance, when it is found that the competition for Premiums at the Ploughing Matches is confined to the one object of encouraging good ley ploughing, it may be well worthy of consideration whether they should not be extended, so as to test the skill and knowledge of the workman in deep ploughing, the various modes of forming ridges and drills, and in certain localities, the use of the subsoil plough, grubbing machines, &c. &c. According as the system of Rotation Cropping and House-Feeding comes to be more accurately understood as applicable to this Country, the Premiums will lose their general character, and be directed steadily in every district to the particular course which experience has defined as best suited to its localities—and thus the prejudices of the ignorant will yield to clear proof, while they would only be confirmed by dubious and sometimes unsuccessful experiment.—It must be remembered that to the Small Farmer any change in the mode of managing his farm is a matter of the deepest importance. His bread depends upon the trifling surplus which exists over his rent and the costs of production—a failure in this would peril his existence: it is therefore the duty of Societies to lay before him clearly the certainty of suc-

cess in any attempt at improvement, and to demonstrate to him the means necessary to ensure that success in such a manner as is suited to his capacity, before they either urge him to make the change from a known to an unknown practise, or blame him as stupid or obstinate, in refusing to adopt it.

One advantage arising from the publication of these Extracts will be, that it will give every one an opportunity of comparing the rate of improvement in the districts where such Societies exist, with that in the districts where none such are to be found ; and the result of such a comparison as applied to the sphere embraced by the Iverk, North Wexford, Donegal, &c. Societies, will bear satisfactory testimony to their importance.

It is hoped that the Local Societies will in future communicate more regularly to the Central Society their proceedings and the result of their experience.

Houses of the Oireachtas

DIGEST.

ANTRIM COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Right Honorable Earl O'Neil.

George Macartney, Esq.

The North East Society conferred important benefits upon the Manufacturing and Agricultural interests of those Counties over which its branches were extended, and its objects were pursued for several years with a spirit and liberality which reflected much credit upon its enterprising conductors. The zeal however which marked the former operations of the Association has rapidly abated within the last two or three years.

Mr. Blacker in reply to queries sent to him on the subject of the Armagh branches, states—"I should be most happy to give you any information you may require, but in the present case there is nothing to be said. The North East Society is almost extinct, and the branches in almost all cases are falling to decay. Ploughing Matches have been very generally discontinued, and I think with very little probability of their being resumed for some time to come."

The reports and prize lists of the North East Society not having been supplied when this work was sent to press, neither the rules by which it was governed, nor the particulars of its prize list are given. This want is, however, met by copious extracts from the proceedings of the North West and other extensive societies.

ARMAGH COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Right Honorable the Earl of Gosford.

MEMBERS.

Until within these few years Agriculture was considered a matter of but secondary importance in this fertile county. For many years the peasantry were accustomed to draw their principal support from weaving, and other branches of the linen business, and it was not until the decline of that once flourishing trade, that the inhabitants began to turn their attention to the improvement of their farms, and the development of those natural resources in which the County so manifestly abounds.

The prejudices of the people in favour of old established modes of cultivation which it has always been found so difficult to combat, and which present such obstacles to improvement, are here rapidly giving way to juster views, and a clearer perception of the people's own interests.

Here Mr. Blacker, the energetic and excellent Agent of the Earl of Gosford and Colonel Close, has successfully laboured for the last three or four years, to induce the general adoption of Succession Crops, and House Feeding, amongst the small occupiers of land.—The great success which has attended his exertions is a convincing answer to all who argue the impossibility of teaching the Irish peasant to value his own comforts, or to look beyond the present hour in calculating his own interests.

Notwithstanding the superior intelligence of the inhabitants, Husbandry was within a very recent period in a particularly backward state. Except in the domains of wealthy proprietors, no other than the ancient wooden plough was in use, and the low backed log wheeled car with revolving axles, the only description of carriage to be seen either on the farm or at market. It was less than twenty years since, considered an evidence of superior independence in a farmer to possess himself of a modern cart, or Scotch plough.—Since the decline in the linen trade, which compelled the farmer to

devote his first attention to his land, both have come into very general use.

Two or three branches of the North East Society were originally established in the County of Armagh; they have all, however, from time to time dropt off. The Markethill branch seceded some years since, and that of Drumbanagher last Spring (1834).

The Annual Meeting now held in Markethill, is a company assembled by special invitation of the Earl of Gosford, for the purpose of dining together as his Lordship's guests. At this meeting the prizes given by his Lordship for the encouragement of Agriculture, are adjudged and declared, and those who receive them are called upon to give an account of their practice, and the benefits resulting from such improvements as they have made, so that the same may be more generally known, and full information afforded to such persons as might wish to make further enquiries. All questions involving the interests of Agriculture are here freely discussed—the peasant and the Peer mingling without reserve in the conversation, and communicating to each other the results of their labours and experiments since their preceding meeting.

These dinners have had the effect of keeping alive, from year to year, a constant spirit of emulation which has effected in a comparatively short time a salutary improvement in the circumstances and habits of a great majority of those within its influence.

Mr. Blacker, in a late communication on this subject states—"In conclusion, I am happy to say that the agricultural improvement of the estates falling more immediately under my own observation, is proceeding as steadily and favourably as I could reasonably expect. There is decidedly much less prejudice in favour of old habits, and much greater readiness to make trial of *new*, where any reasonable cause for the change can be shown. The only thing I find I have miscalculated is, that the poorer classes of small farmers are universally involved in debt to a much greater extent than I conceived it possible they could have got credit for; and the restoration of their circumstances and consequent improvement in the appearance of their habitations and their mode of life, has not therefore advanced with the rapidity that I anticipated; but I have every reason to believe their circumstances and mode of living are annually getting better; nor have I any cause whatever to doubt of the final and complete success of the plan I have been pursuing."

CARLOW COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Thomas Kavanagh, Esq. M. P. Goresbridge.

MEMBERS.

No Society has been reported as in existence in the County Carlow.

COUNTY CAVAN.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

G. M. Knipe, Esq.

Colonel Pratt, Kingscourt.

The County of Cavan formed one of the principal branches of the late Erne Society, since the extinction of which it does not appear that any steps have been taken towards the establishment of another. The great encouragement held out by Lord Farnham to the tenants on his estate has, however, effected many important improvements in the cultivation of their farms, as well as in the comfort and convenience of their habitations. On the estate of the Lord Primate in this County, the system of Succession Crops and House Feeding has been introduced by His Grace's Agriculturist, Mr. Still, with every prospect of advantage to the County generally.

CLARE COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Right Honorable Lord Vesey and Fitzgerald, Ennis.

Crofton Moore Vandeleur, Esq.

No Society in existence in this County.

CORK COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Right Honorable the Earl of Bandon, Bandon.
 Right Honorable Viscount Ennismore, Fermoy.
 Right Honorable Viscount Lismore, Shanbally Castle.
 Sir William Chatterton, Cork.
 J. W. Anderson, Esq. Fermoy.
 Colonel Tisdall, Charleville.
 Osborne Savage, Esq.

CORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Although three Agricultural Associations are in the County Cork none of them has yet centered in the City. The Cork County and City Horticultural Society have established classes and prizes for Agriculture and Arboriculture in their prize list, but have not included either green crops or cottage husbandry.

FERMOY AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This Society was formed last year under the patronage of the Earl of Mountcashel, Viscount Ennismore, Viscount Kingsboro', and other Noblemen and Gentlemen of the County.

PLOUGHING MATCHES.

The first Ploughing Match took place on the 16th October, 1834. The Premiums were offered only to persons living by Husbandry, who should plough two ridges of lea in the shortest space of time and in the best manner, with long reins, the plough and horses being his own—Six prizes, viz., £3, £2 10s., £2, £1 10s. £1, £0 10s.

GREEN CROPS.

Prizes awarded only to persons living by Husbandry—the greatest quantity grown to take the first prize.

Turnips, 3 prizes.
Potatoes, 2 prizes.
Red Clover, 2 prizes.

Vetches, 2 prizes.
Rape for House-Feeding,
2 prizes.

GRAIN.

For the best barrel (belonging to a member) Wheat, Barley, Oats—One prize each.

FLAX.

For the largest quantity grown by a member—2 prizes.

STOCK.

All the stock to be suitable to Agricultural purposes.

For the best Bull, to be at least two months previously to the Show in the possession of a member living by Husbandry.

Best Ram, ditto ditto.

Best Boar, ditto ditto.

Best Milch Cow, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Calf, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Heifer, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Fat Bullock, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Fat Cow or Heifer, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Six Ewe Lambs, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

Best Half Score Fat Wethers, ditto ditto—Two prizes.

VEGETABLES.

For Cottagers living by daily labour.

Best Twelve Carrots—One prize—10s.

Best Twelve Parsnips—One prize—10s.

Best Three Heads Cabbage—One prize—5s.

Best Quart Beans—One prize—2s. 6d.

Best One Dozen Onions—One prize—5s.

Best Quart Beans—One prize—2s. 6d.

COTTAGES.

The best kept, within three miles of Fermoy—Three prizes, viz., £1, £0 10s., £0 5s.

BEEES.

The greatest number of Hives, Two prizes.

CIDER.

The best Specimens, Two prizes.

Sweepstakes for Gentlemen.

BANDON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

No information supplied up to the time that these extracts were sent to press.

 DONEGAL COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

John Hamilton, Esq.

MEMBERS.

A very effective Agricultural Society is established in this County, and extends over three Baronies. It has been of the utmost benefit to the district, particularly in the improvement of its Husbandry, which was previously in a very backward state. The prizes which have been given for neat and comfortable Cottages, Butter, Breed of Cattle, &c. have wrought a most salutary change for the better in each. The Society was established in 1825, and continues to improve yearly under the fostering care of Colonel Connolly, Mr. Hamilton, and several other landed proprietors, all of whom contribute liberally to its support.

Articles of Woollen Manufacture, as woollen cloth, stockings, &c. also claim the attention of the Donegal Society.

ANNUAL SHOW.

The most important Meeting of the Society is the Annual Show in Donegal, when prizes are given for the following:—

Horses.—To the owner of the best Stallion, being a Subscriber, which shall have covered 20 mares, the property of farmers resident in

the district, at not more than one guinea each, not being a racer, but one calculated for carriage and husbandry—The Silver Cup.

To the owner of the best Mare, (not thorough bred,) with her foal at her foot, both mare and foal to be taken into consideration; a piece of plate, value £5.

Bulls.—To the owner of the best Bull of any age or breed, which shall have served, or given notice that he was ready to serve 20 cows, gratis, the Silver Cup, value £10.

Cows.—To the owner of the best Cow, having had a calf after the 17th March, 1834, and which shall have been in his or her possession from the 1st July, 1834, a piece of Plate, value £5.

To the owner of the Second best (being a working farmer,) as above, the sum of £1.

To the owner of the Third best, (being a working farmer,) as above, the sum of 10s.

Heifers.—To the owner of the best two-year old Heifer, (calved after the 17th March, 1832,) being the property of a person principally supported by farming, resident in the district, and bred by himself, the sum of £1 10s.

To the Second best two-year old Heifer, as above, £1.

Pigs.—To the owner of the best Boar, being the property of persons principally supported by farming, and having been kept within the district for the last three months, the sum of £2.

Second best, as above, £1.

To the owner of the best Sow, being the property of a person principally supported by farming, resident in the district, and having a litter of pigs, within the year, the sum of £1 10s.

Second best Sow, as above, £1.

Instructions to the Judges.—You are to decide which is the best Animal; having regard in forming your judgment to quality of flesh, lightness of offal, propensity to fatten, early maturity, and particularly to that frame and form which bespeak hardness of constitution, making an allowance for age.

Butter.—Three prizes; £1 10s. for the best firkin from four, three, or two Cows.

Stockings.—Four prizes.

Wheat.—For the best barrel of Wheat, prepared for inspection on the 10th of September, 1834, grown in the district, in the year 1834, £2.

For the second best as above—£1 10s.

For the third best as above—£1.

To the person holding Land not above the value of £10 yearly, having the neatest House and Garden, &c. the sum of £2.

To the second best as above—£1 10s.

To the third best as above—£1.

RULES.

1st—Empowers Committee to withhold premium for want of merit, and precludes one person from getting two premiums.

2d—Fixes the hours for Show of Cattle.

3d—Directs the time for swearing in the Judges.

4th—Directs time for entering Butter, and Woollens.

5th—Directs notice to be given that Bulls are ready to serve Cows in the season.

6th—Enforces affidavit of qualification by competitors.

7th—States that Candidates must be ready to answer on oath.

8th—Disqualifies (all but working farmers) who have not been members for six months and subscribers of one guinea.

9th—Precludes persons holding land above the value of £10 from competing unless they subscribe 5s.

10th—Entitles any one winning a Cup three times to make it his property, and empowers Committee to settle all differences.

11th—Committee to be appointed at Autumn Meeting—three to go out.

12th—Disqualifies a farmer whose Landlord is not a subscriber.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

PLOUGHING MATCHES.

These are held in two or three districts, and a sharp and well contested trial of skill is always exhibited.

The Society was at first in the habit of offering premiums for improved farming implements on those occasions, that practice, however, appears to be abandoned. The annexed is the list for the annual match which was held on the 3d March, 1834 :—

To the owner of the Plough (who lives exclusively by farming,)

driven with reins, which shall plough half-a rood of ground in the best manner and shortest time—£——

To the second as above—£1 10s.

To the third as above—£1 5s.

To the fourth as above—£1.

To the fifth as above—10s.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

No person shall borrow implements, tackle, or horses, except from farmers qualified to compete as above.

No person can obtain a premium this year for ploughing who has ever obtained one before from this Society.

No hired ploughman to be permitted to compete, unless he has been three months immediately previous to the ploughing match in the employment of the person for whom he ploughs.

All ploughs to be entered with the Secretary four days before the day of ploughing, and to be on the ground at 10 o'clock and start at 11.

DISTRICT SHOWS.

CATTLE.

To the person living exclusively by farming who will show the fattest Bullock—£1.

Second best—15s.

Fattest Cow or Heifer—£1.

Second ditto—15s.

Best Springer—£1.

The Cattle to be three months in possession previous to 1st March.

Best 100 stone of Seed Oats—£2.

Second ditto—£1.

Oats to be sold at market price if required.

CHALLENGES.

The following List will show the spirit with which the Members of this Society keep up its objects:—

Rev. R. Ball to produce the best Bull, at next Show, for One Guinea.—Accepted by J. Tredennick, Esq.

John Hamilton, Esq. to appear dressed in the best complete Suit (including every article of raiment) of the manufacture of the district, for £1.—Accepted by T. Young, Esq. and as to the Coat by T. J. Atkinson, Esq.—Open for acceptance till 1st September, on notice to the Secretary.

Rev. T. Welsh to produce the best yearling Bullock, at next meeting, for £1.—Accepted by J. Hamilton, Esq.

Rev. E. Hamilton to appear in the best Shirt, spun, woven, and made in the district, at the next meeting, for 10s.—Accepted by J. Miller, and T. Andrew, Esqrs.

Besides the three Baronies in this County over which the Donegal Society extends, other branches were established by the North West Society in Ennishowen, Buncrana, Raphoe, Kilmacrenan, &c. where premiums were offered for ploughing, fences, and draining, reclaiming land, green crops, breed of horses, cattle, sheep, and swine.

Prizes were awarded in money (and in some instances in agricultural books), with reference to the sums contributed by each branch, in the following manner :

To the North Ennishowen Branch, consisting of 54 members, £8 10s.—which, with £13 10s. paid in by them, makes £22, and 5 volumes of the Society's Magazine, to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing	..	..	£5	0	and 1 vol.
Cattle	..	..	5	0	and 2 vols.
Fences and Draining	..	..	5	15	and 1 vol.
Green Crops	..	..	6	5	and 1 vol.
			£22	0	5 vols.

To the Buncrana Branch, consisting of 36 members, £4, which, with £18 4s. paid in by them, makes £22 4s. and 5 volumes of "Hints to Small Farmers," to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing	..	..	£5	0	and 1 vol.
Clover and Vetches	..	..	3	0	and 1 vol.
Fences	..	..	4	0	and 1 vol.
Reclaiming land	..	..	5	0	and 1 vol.
Brood Mares, Cattle, Sheep, and Swine	5	4	and 1 vol.		
			£22	4	5 vols.

To the Raphoe Branch, consisting of 24 members, £3 15s. which,

with £5 5s. paid in by them, makes £9 and 5 vols. of "Hints to Small Farmers," to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing	..	..	..	£5	0	and 2 vols.
Turnips	..	..	..	4	0	and 3 vols.
				£9	0	5 vols.

To the Kilmacrenan Branch, consisting of 20 Members, the sum of £10—which, with £4 10s. paid in by them, makes £14 10s. to be disposed of as follows, viz.:—

For Ploughing	..	..	..	£7	10	0
Enclosures	..	..	..	6	10	0
				£14	0	0

It is not ascertained whether all these branches continue in existence.

DOWNSHIRE.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

PRESIDENT,

The Most Noble the Marquess of Downshire.

MEMBERS.

The Right Honorable Viscount Bangor.

The Right Honorable Lord Dufferin.

Sharman Crawford, Esq. Bangor.

A. Hill Montgomery, Esq. Clough.

Captain Birch.

The decline of the North East Society must necessarily tend to discourage improvement in this County; it however possesses the enviable advantage of many public spirited resident Proprietors, whose individual exertions to promote habits of industry and improved Systems of Cultivation amongst their tenantry, will go far to supply the want of an organized Association.

DUBLIN COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Right Honorable Earl of Charlemont.
 Right Honorable Earl of Donoughmore, Palmerstown.
 Right Honorable Earl of Howth.
 Right Honorable Earl of Norbury, Cabra.
 Honorable Sidney Herbert.
 Honorable Colonel Talbot, Malahide.
 George Alexander Hamilton, Esq. Hampton.
 James Hans Hamilton, Esq. Sheephill.
 J. B. West, Esq. Stephen's-green.
 J. D. La Touche, Esq. Castle-street.
 Colonel White, Woodlands.
 Sir William Betham, Dublin Castle.
 J. Lees Armit, Esq. Newtown-park.
 Fenton Hort, Esq. Leopardstown.
 Charles Doyne, Esq. Black Rock.
 William Jones Armstrong, Esq. Rathcool.
 F. T. Armstrong, Esq. Dominick-street.
 Robert Burrowes, Esq. Merrion-square.
 Leland Crosthwaite, Esq. Fleet-street.
 Patrick Curtis, Esq. Roebuck.
 George Fosberry, Esq. Roebuck.
 John Thompson, Esq. Mountjoy-square.
 Alexander Graydon, Esq. Newcastle House.
 John Kennedy, Esq. Rathcool.
 C. O'Sullivan, Esq. Mount-street.
 George Roe, Esq.
 William Rathborne, Esq. Scripplestown.
 Samuel White, Esq. Killikee.
 Major Burrowes, Mount-street.
 Charles Trench, Esq. Farmley, Castleknock.

There are two Societies in Dublin, which both appear to aim at the same object, and may both be said to be in their infancy. This object is the direction of the efforts and concentration of the strength of the various Local Societies. One of these the Royal Dublin Society, was established and chartered in the year 1749, for the promotion of Husbandry and the other useful arts in Ireland. The flourishing existence of a Farming Society, supported by Government from the year 1800 to 1828, appears to have furnished a reasonable pretext for the withdrawing of the Dublin Society from that portion of its duties; but since the extinction of the Farming Society, its efforts at returning to that the primary object of its establishment, have been slow and unsatisfactory; however an Agricultural Committee was appointed, a few Premiums have been directed to the eliciting of important information, and a Cattle Show has been held three times upon the premises of the Society. It was judged however that these were not adequate to answer the claims which the Agricultural part of the community had upon a Society supported by the public money, and a separate Society was formed in the year 1833, having for its objects the establishment of a centre of connexion, for concentrating the efforts made by local Agricultural Societies and individuals in collecting and diffusing information on the best modes of improving the condition of the people, and the cultivation of the soil of Ireland. It appears probable that a union will take place between these two Societies, as their both aiming at the same objects tends considerably to embarrass and weaken the efforts of either.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Annual Ploughing Matches are held on the Southern boundary of the County, and another has been established in the neighbourhood of Swords.

FERMANAGH COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Viscount Cole, M. P.

MEMBERS.

Right Honorable Earl of Enniskillen.

James Denman, Esq. Fairwood Park, Enniskillen.

This County formed one of the Districts of the Erne Society, but was the first to secede. No existing Society has been reported in it.

GALWAY COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Lord Clonbrock, Clonbrock.

MEMBERS.

Most Noble Marquess of Clanrickarde.

Right Honorable Earl of Clancarty, Garbally.

Viscount Dunlo, Garbally.

Lord Ashtown, Bath.

Viscount Riverstown, Pallas, Portumna.

Sir John Burke, Bart. Marble-hill.

Sir Ross Mahon, Bart. Castlegar.

Honorable and Venerable Archdeacon Trench, Ballinasloe.

Honorable Captain Trench, Ballinasloe.

James Staunton Lambert, Esq. Cregclare.

Thomas Seymour, Esq. Belmore Castle, Eyrecourt.

Walter M'Donagh, Esq. Ballinasloe.

John Blake, Esq. Dublin.

Richard Rathborne, Esq. Ballymore, Craughwell.

B. Persse, Esq. Moyode Castle, Craughwell.

George Warburton, Esq. Ballinasloe.

Bartholomew Warburton, Esq. Ballinasloe.

John Blake, Esq. Cregclare.
 Pierce J. Blake, Esq. Cregcastle.
 Robert D'Arcy, Esq. Woodville, Loughrea.
 A. Browne, Esq. Mount-Hazel, Castleblakeney.
 John O'Shaughnessy, Esq. 4, Lower Gardiner-st. Dublin.
 John Connolly, Esq. Cargans, Craughwell.
 James Martin, Esq. Ross, Outerard.
 Thomas Bermingham, Esq. Carramana, Kilconnel.
 George Kelly, Esq. Mucklow, Ahascra.
 Francis Davis, Esq. Hampstead, Castleblakeney.
 J. Bermingham, Esq. Carramana, Kilconnel.
 James Kenny, Esq. Merrion-square, Dublin.
 M. Blake Bermingham, Esq. Tuam.
 R. D. Bellew, Esq. Mount-Bellew, Galway.
 John Lopdell, Esq. Athenry.
 George O'Malley, Esq. Prospect-hill, Eyrecourt.

The Annual Fair Show of Cattle in Garbally Park is the only Exhibition at present held in this County. After the late Farming Society ceased to exist, Meetings of the Gentlemen and Graziers, engaged in the sale and purchase of Cattle, continued to be held under different circumstances at the October fairs, and in 1833, among them originated the formation of a new Society called the "Agricultural Society of Ireland."

KERRY COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

KILDARE COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Carton.
 Right Honorable the Earl of Mayo, Johnstown.
 Lord Viscount Harberton, Rathangan.
 Baron De Roebeck, Killishee,
 Honorable Frederick Ponsonby.
 Sir Gerald Aylmer, Donadea.
 John Aylmer, Esq. Kilcock.
 Robert Archbold, Esq. Kildare.
 Robert Rynd, Esq. Enfield.
 A. Henry, Esq. Lodge-park.
 Robert La Touche, Esq.
 Hugh Barton, Esq. Straffan.
 Richard Cane, Esq. St. Woolstans.

No Society for Agricultural purposes has been organized in Kildare. An occasional Ploughing Match, at the instance of the Duke of Leinster, has been held at Carton, but being in general badly attended, it is understood they are now discontinued.

KILKENNY COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

William F. F. Tighe, Esq.

MEMBERS.

Marquess of Ormonde, Castle, Kilkenny.
 Honorable C. B. Wandesford, Castlecomer.
 Thomas Bookey, Esq. Duninga.

James K. Aylward, Esq. Shankill Castle.

William Baily, Esq. Norelands.

William Baily, Esq. jun. St. John's-well.

Whitwell Butler, Esq. Staffordstown.

Harry Baker, Esq. Kilcoran.

Sydenham Davis, Esq. Summerhill.

John H. Jones, Esq. Mullinabro'.

Patrick Power, Esq. M.P. Bellevue.

Thomas Butler, Esq. Ballycondra.

John Flood, Esq. Flood Hall.

Robert Flood, Esq. Farmley.

Robert Fowler, Esq. Kilkenny.

Richard Eaton, Esq. Castlecomer.

John Power, Esq. Kilfane.

William Morris Reade, Esq. Rossenna,

Abel C. Warren, Esq.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

INISTIOGE.

This Society was established in 1834, and appears likely to prosper. The following List of Premiums is taken from its Premium Sheet for 1835. There has as yet been no report of the Society's proceedings published.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

That the Society shall consist of a President, a Committee of Management, a Treasurer, Secretary, and Ordinary Members.

That the Subscription constituting a Member shall be, for Landed Proprietors, not less than One Pound.

For Farmers holding above one hundred acres, not less than Ten Shillings.

For Farmers holding under one hundred acres, not less than Five Shillings.

That Candidates for the Premiums offered by the Society must be either Members, or Tenants of Members, holding under fifty acres.

That one Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the first

week in October, for the purpose of awarding the Premiums, and receiving the Report of the Committee.

That the Judges shall have the power of withholding Premiums, where sufficient merit does not appear.

LIST OF PREMIUMS, &c.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF FARMS.

The condition of House, Offices, Garden, &c., being taken into consideration,

For the best managed Farm, not less than thirty acres—£2.

For ditto, not exceeding thirty acres, nor less than five acres—£1.

For the best tilled portion of land, dug with a spade, on a farm not exceeding five acres, (the owner not keeping a horse)—£1.

IRRIGATION.

For the greatest quantity of well irrigated land, not less than two acres—£2.

STOCK.

For the best Bull—£2.

For the best Boar—£1.

For the best Milch Cow, not more than seven years old—£1.

For the best Milch Heifer, not less than three years old—£1.

CULTIVATION OF GREEN CROPS,

WHICH ARE TO BE CONSUMED UPON THE FARM.

For the best cultivated and greatest quantity, in proportion to the extent of the farm, of Turnips, Mangold Wurtzel, or Rape, on a Farm not less than thirty acres—£2.

For ditto, on ditto, not more than thirty acres, or less than five acres—£1 10s.

For ditto, on ditto, less than five acres—£1.

For the best and most extensive crops of clover or vetches in proportion to the size of the farm, to be used in soiling, on a farm not less than thirty acres—£2.

For ditto, ditto, on a farm not more than thirty acres, or less than five acres—£1 10s.

For ditto, ditto, on a farm less than five acres—£1.

PLANTING AND FENCING.

For the best and most extensive Fence, containing a good quickset

hedge and forest trees, (not larch, or spruce-fir) set at not more than six feet apart, and planted in the winter of 1834-5, the adjudication to take place in 1837—£2.

DRAINING.

For the best drained portion of land, not less than one acre—£1.

For the best ditto, not less than half an acre—£1.

IMPLEMENTS.

For the best and cheapest Plough—£1.

For ditto, ditto, Cart—£2.

For ditto, ditto, any other description of Agricultural Implement—£1.

These must be made by a Mechanic resident within the district, and not painted when exhibited for competition.

COTTAGES AND COTTAGE GARDENS.

For neat, clean Cottages, not kept for the accomodation of Lodgers, with good enclosed Gardens, the owners not holding more than five acres:—

No. 1,	..	..	..	£1 0 0
2,	..	..	..	0 15 0
3,	..	..	..	0 10 0
4,	..	..	..	0 10 0
5,	..	..	..	0 5 0
6,	..	..	..	0 5 0

For ditto, owners holding not more than one rood:—

No. 1,	..	..	..	£1 0 0
2,	..	..	..	0 15 0
3,	..	..	..	0 10 0
4,	..	..	..	0 10 0
5,	..	..	..	0 5 0
6,	..	..	..	0 5 0

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Tighe proposes to give the following Premiums to the Tenantry on his own Estate:

To the Farmer who shall house-feed his Stock in the best manner during the whole year—£5.

Notice of intention to compete for this Prize, must be sent in to the Secretary before the 1st of November, 1834.

For the greatest number of well-fenced and flourishing Forest Trees, judiciously selected, as suitable to Soil and Situation, and planted in the winter of 1834-5, the adjudication to take place in June, 1839—£6.

For the second ditto—£4.

All Candidates for the Farm, Cottages, or Crop Premiums, must send in their names to the Secretary on or before the 1st of June, 1835, in order that the Judges may have time to inspect them; no claims for Draining Premiums will be allowed unless due notice of the intention to drain shall have been given to the Secretary previous to the cutting of the drains.

IVERK.

This Society was established in 1826, and continues to flourish. It does not publish its reports periodically, but occasionally. The following extracts are taken from its last report, as giving a picture of some remarkable features in the Agriculture of one of the most fertile districts in Ireland :

“ In looking back at the progress of this Society, since its first institution in 1826, we conceive that it has ample grounds for self-congratulation. At that still so recent period this Barony, considering its excellent soil and favourable situation, was, it may be asserted, one of the most backward in the kingdom as to Agricultural knowledge. The Plough, that first and most necessary implement in husbandry, I feel almost ashamed to describe as belonging to such a country. It was generally composed of three crooked branches in their natural state, and the mould-board was (properly so called) a round piece of sally, or willow, and two horses and three men were in general necessary to keep this extraordinary piece of machinery in motion. One man led the horses—a second held the plough-handles—while a third, named the *houlder*, leaned upon the collar to keep *her* head down, while the excessive slowness of the progress was best proved by each of the three individuals being enveloped in a large blue great coat. This sounds laughable—but I appeal to my farming neighbours, whether this is not a true picture of 19 out of 20 of the ploughs to be seen going when this Society commenced?—

nor should we be much puzzled to show the curious inquirer a few specimens still remaining, though I trust it might be difficult to do so this time twelvemonth. What, however, is the case now? In consequence of the few improved ploughs given away by this Society, the very sight of a proper piece of mechanism, and the experience of its mode of work, has been the means of introducing into the Barony, on the nearest computation, at least 50 improved ploughs, chiefly iron, and all worked with long reins. Indeed, in Mr. Briscoe's townland of Cloncunny, no other than iron ploughs are to be found.

“ With regard to the last branch of our premium sheet—COTTAGES—the most inconceivable improvement has taken place, and we have no hesitation in saying that the Prize Cottages for this year may challenge in cleanliness and comfort any part of either England or Ireland—and to prove this fact I shall only say, go and see them.

“ The last advantage I shall allude to, as resulting from your Society, is the more intimate knowledge and kindly feeling which it has fostered between landlord and tenant, the gentry and farmers of this county. The former having become better acquainted with the character and good qualities of the latter—they meet on the equality which is due to every honest man.”

The Premium Sheet is not materially different from that which has been extracted from the Inistioge Society.

The following extracts are taken from a communication to the Agricultural Society of Ireland from Mr. Elliott, the Secretary of the Iverk Society :—

“ The sphere of its operations is the small Barony of Iverk, in the County of Kilkenny, lying between the Welsh Mountains and the River Suire, and traversed through its extent by the mail coach road from Waterford to Clonmel. The entire valley abounds with limestone, upon which the inland parts (if I may so call them) depend for manure. Those in the vicinity of the river use Waterford dung, the produce of the slaughter-houses, which is brought up in large lighters at an average price of £8 per boat load, one of which is the usual complement to a rood of ground. There is no manufacture of any kind in this Barony: its resources are, tillage and grazing.—The September rent is generally paid by the Wheat crop, and that of March by the sale of Pigs, of which the peasantry breed large numbers, which fatten to a great weight.

“When this Society commenced its operations, Agriculture was at a very low ebb; wooden ploughs, and even block wheels, were in common use, while Drill Husbandry and the system of Green Crops were utterly unknown.

“I am satisfied that the Cottage Premiums would have effected little but for the exertions of the late Lady Duncannon and the Misses Ponsonby, as it was found very difficult even to induce the peasantry to enter the list of competitors. By degrees they became confirmed of the advantages of cleanliness; and we may judge of the reformation now effected by the fact, that there were sixty-six competitors last year for twenty Premiums.”

KING'S COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Francis Longworth Dames, Esq. Green-hills.

Charles Fitzsimon, Esq. M.P. Frankford.

Robert Holmes, Esq. Prospect, Moate.

Thomas Hackett, Esq. Birr.

Benjamin Mullins, Esq. Birr,

Robert Robinson, Esq. Birr.

An Association was formed in Edenderry several years since, under the patronage of the Marquess of Downshire, which continued in operation for a considerable time, and effected many important improvements in the Agriculture of the District. Ploughing Matches were held, and Premiums awarded for neat Cottages and other rural objects, after which the Gentlemen and Farmers met at dinner and discussed the various local circumstances of the neighbourhood, the merits of each of the competitors for prizes, and all other topics calculated to induce a spirit of emulation amongst the lower classes. Whatever cause led to the extinction of this Society its loss is much to be deplored.

LEITRIM COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Berry Norris, Esq. Mohill.

No Society reported from this County.

LIMERICK COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

William Monsell, Esq. Tirvoe, Limerick.

MEMBERS.

Lord Clarina, Clarina,

Sir Hugh D. Massey, Castleconnel.

William Smith O'Brien, Esq. M.P. Limerick.

Joseph Atkins, Esq. Bird-hill.

M. Furnell, Esq. Caherelly.

Robert Maxwell, Esq. Charleville.

S. G. Purdon, Esq. Killaloe.

A very extensive Society was established in this important County in September last. It is intended to embrace all the departments of Agriculture, and will extend itself by various district ramifications over the whole of the County.

The first Cattle Show will be held this month (April).

The following resolutions were adopted at the formation of the Society :—

At a Meeting of the Landed Proprietors and Gentry of the County of Limerick, held pursuant to Requisition at the Linen-Hall, on

Wednesday, the 10th September, 1834, for the purpose of establishing a Farming Society,

THE HIGH SHERIFF IN THE CHAIR,

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1—That a Society be formed in connexion with the Dublin Agricultural Society, to be called “THE COUNTY OF LIMERICK FARMING SOCIETY.”

2—That a Provisional Committee, composed of the Members of this Society, be appointed to prepare Resolutions to be submitted to a future Meeting of the Subscribers.

3—That Mr. JAMES BODKIN be appointed Treasurer and Secretary to this Society.

At a Meeting of the Provisional Committee, 27th September, 1834,

JOHN GREEN, ESQ. IN THE CHAIR,

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1—That the object of this Society be to encourage generally the improvement of Agriculture and Stock.

2—That every person subscribing Ten Shillings and upwards annually, shall be Members of this Society.

3—That two Meetings shall be held in each year, one in March, and the other in October, and that the Members dine together on the days of Meeting.

4—That none will be considered eligible to contend for the Prizes of the Society, except Members holding Farms under fifty Acres, their Tenants, and Farm Servants.

5—That the High Sheriff for the time being be President.

6—That a Committee be appointed to conduct the affairs of the Society, five to be a quorum—the Committee to be elected annually, at a General Meeting of the Society.

7—That the Committee be empowered to draw up Regulations, according to which the Premiums shall be allotted, and to communicate the same to the Members of the Society, and that they be authorized to import various descriptions of Seed, of the best quality.

At a Meeting of the Provisional Committee, 11th October, 1834,

STAFFORD O'BRIEN, ESQ. IN THE CHAIR,

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

That a List of Premiums prepared by this Meeting, be submitted to a General Meeting.

That an Advertisement be put in the Limerick Papers, calling a General Meeting of the Subscribers and others interested in the County Limerick Farming Society, for Saturday, the 1st of November next.

At a General Meeting of the Society, 1st November, 1834,

JOHN GREEN, ESQ. IN THE CHAIR,

Read the proceedings of last Meeting, amongst which is a list of Premiums to be submitted to this day's Meeting.

Resolved—That this Meeting be adjourned to Saturday, the 29th Instant.

At a Meeting of the Society, 29th November, 1834,

DARBY O'GRADY, ESQ. IN THE CHAIR,

A list of Premiums, amounting to over One Hundred Pounds Sterling, for the improvement of Stock, Ploughing Match, Green Crops, Draining and Liming of Land, and Improved Farm Implements, having been laid before the Meeting, and to which have been added two Iron Ploughs, given by Stafford O'Brien and John Waller O'Grady, Esqrs.

Resolved—That the Secretary do apply for Donations and Annual Subscriptions to all the absentee Landed Proprietors of this County and Liberties, as well as to the resident Gentry, for the purpose of carrying the objects of the Society into effect.

Resolved—That the following Gentlemen be appointed the Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Honorable William O'Grady,
Rev. J. Crampton,
Rev. C. P. Coote,
William S. O'Brien,
Darby O'Grady,
John Croker,
Stafford O'Brien,
John Green,
Stephen Dickson,
Gerald Blennerhasset,
James D. Lyons,
William Monsell,
William H. Gabbett,
Thomas O'Grady,

John W. O'Grady,
Henry Lyons,
Thomas M. Wilson,
Stephen H. Atkins,
Michael Furnell,
John S. Browne, Jun.
John Blennerhasset,
Alfred Furlong,
Richard Harte,
James Harvey, and
Thomas Bolton, Esqrs.
Mr. John Christy,
Mr. John Abraham.

JAMES BODKIN,

Treasurer & Secretary.

LONDONDERRY COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Sir R. Bateson, Bart. M. P.

MEMBERS,

Lord Bishop of Derry.

Sir F. W. M'Naghten, Roepark.

Sir James Bruce, Bart.

Marcus M'Causland, Esq. Newtown-Limavady.

W. H. Ashe, Esq.

J. A. Smith, Esq.

NORTH-WEST SOCIETY.

This Society was so denominated from that portion of Ireland which was the scene of its operations. It originated at a Meeting of Gentlemen residing in the City of Derry, or the neighbourhood, in the year 1821. Those gentlemen resolved to lay the project before the public, in order to ascertain how far a general interest might be exacted in its behalf. Accordingly they agreed to meet in Londonderry, on the 17th March, 1821, where a very numerous body, consisting of a large proportion of the Proprietary, Clergy, &c. assembled, who entered very warmly into the proposed measures.

The objects of the Society, as declared at a subsequent Meeting in the Month of May, were as follows :—

“To enquire into the state of the district and its inhabitants, and the means of improving that portion of the empire, by extending and promoting the Fisheries, encouraging Agriculture, improving the present Manufactures, and introducing new ones, improving the Breed of Cattle, and by uniting the exertions of the proprietors of land and others, to call the attention of the public to the promotion and prosecution of such beneficial purposes.”

“To encourage the establishment of Branch Societies in each District, Barony, or Parish, under the superintendence of the next resi-

dent Vice-President or Director, who would see the different Regulations of the Society carried into effect. Such Branch Societies to report, from time to time, their opinions and recommendations, as to the premiums to be given or discontinued, within their District, and the progress of improvement made."

To effect the first of those important objects, namely, to procure information on the state of the district and its inhabitants, Statistical Queries were printed and circulated, and premiums offered for Statistical Essays. A number of these containing very valuable and useful information were laid before the Committee, which awarded prizes to six of the competitors. The accurate local information thus acquired was necessarily found useful in the organization and subsequent management of the several Branch Societys of the district.

The following Rules and Regulations were formed for the government of the District or General Society :—

1—The Society to consist of two Classes, Ordinary and Honorary. The first class to pay £1 2s. 6d. per annum.

2—The second class not subject to the annual contributions.

3—Persons whose names are returned by the President, or two Vice-Presidents, to be admitted Members.

4—The Society to elect a Patron, Secretary, and Treasurer, and choose out of the Ordinary Members nine Vice-Presidents, viz. three for each of the Counties in the District—namely, Derry, Donegal, and Tyrone. Members of Parliament for the said Counties to be Honorary Vice-Presidents.

The Society to choose a Committee of three, as a Committee of Correspondence, to assist the Secretary, and annually to elect a Managing Committee of twenty-one (seven for each County,) five to form a quorum. The Senior President, one Senior Vice-President, two senior Members of the Committee, for each County, to be annually changed. In the absence of the Patron, Presidents, and Vice-Presidents, the senior Member present of the Committee to preside at all General Meetings.

5—The Society to hold two General Meetings in each year, one in April, and the other in October.

6—At the October Meeting the President and Vice-President are to be chosen, also the six Members of Committee, who go out by rotation.

7—The ordinary business to be done by the Committee, which

meet at stated periods, and occasionally. Ordinary Members competent to sit, but not to vote at such Meetings. President and Vice-President to be Members of the Committee.

8—The Committee to lay a statement of their proceedings before the General Meeting.

9—Subscriptions to be lodged with the Treasurer, the Committee annually to audit his accounts, and produce them at Annual Meetings of the Committee, for the inspection of Members.

10—Any unexpended surplus sum, and any donation or bequest, to be laid out on proper security as capital, no portion of which to be expended except by authority of General Meeting.

11—Any balance beyond £50 remaining in the hands of the Treasurer to bear 5 per cent. interest, or be purchased into the public funds.

12—Besides the daily and occasional expenditure to be disbursed by the Treasurer, the Committee to have power at any Meeting to order the application of a sum not exceeding £10 sterling, for any of the objects of the Society.

13—The Committee, have power to call occasionally General Meetings.

14—The Secretary to have the custody of the Records and Papers of the Society, subject to the inspection at all times of any Member of the Society.

15—Any Member not resident within the District, and paying annually the sum of not less than £5., to have power to appoint a Member of the Society to act and vote for him at any of the General Meetings—such appointment being previously lodged with the Secretary of the Society.

16—The Society to have it in their power to enact new and alter old regulations at their General Meetings, provided that such intended new regulations or alterations shall be notified at two Meetings of the Committee, previous to the General Meeting at which such new regulations or alterations are proposed to be made.

REGULATIONS FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

1—Members of Branch Societies to consist of two classes, Ordinary and Honorary.

2—The first class to be actual occupiers of land in the District, each paying 5s. entrance, and 5s. annually. The second class to be

ordinary Members of the General Society, and not subject to contribute to the Branch.

3—Persons whose names are returned by the President, or two Vice-Presidents, to be admitted Members of the Branch.

4—The Branch to choose annually out of the Members of the General Society, one President and two Vice-Presidents, and out of their own body a Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee—(five to form a quorum.) Members of the Parent Society competent to attend, but not to vote.

5—Each Branch to hold a Meeting fourteen days previous to the April and October General Meetings, and another after, to receive their instructions.

6—The ordinary business of the Branch to be conducted by the Committee, and to meet as often as business may require, or on intimation from the superior Officers.

7—The Committee to furnish the Secretary with a copy of their proceedings six days before the General Meeting of the Parent Society.

8—Subscriptions to be paid to the Branch Treasurer, and paid over by him to the Treasurer of the Parent Society before the first of January, April, July, and October, in each year. The Treasurer of the Branch Societies competent to receive Subscriptions for the Parent Society, and to transmit them to the Treasurer in Derry on or before any of the foregoing days.

9—Each Branch to report improvements in its neighbourhood, and to suggest the description of Premiums most suitable.

10—Parent Society to distribute Premiums to the amount of the sums received from them, together with such sums of their own as they can spare.

Branch Societies not to publish or expend their Subscriptions without the sanction of the Parent Society.

No sum granted as a Premium to any of the Branch Societies for a particular purpose, can be appropriated to any other object.—Money Premiums granted to a Branch, to be competed for by, and adjudged to Farmers drawing their principal income from Farming pursuits alone.

The Committee strongly recommend the substituting implements of Husbandry as Premiums. The winner of the prize to choose the kind of implements—(value considered).

The North West Association, in the early part of its proceedings, besides the large amount of its own and Branch contributions, was assisted by the late Farming Society of Ireland, and enabled to offer large Premiums towards the promotion of the several objects it had in view. At the great Cattle Show held in Derry in 1822, the Committee awarded £245, including a challengeable Cup, value £20. In 1832, a sum of £84 only was distributed in Premiums at this Exhibition. The prizes on the latter occasion were as follow :

PROPOSED FOR THE YEAR 1832.

Resolved—That the following Premiums be offered to be competed for at the next Autumnal Show, to be held in Londonderry, on the third Wednesday in September, 1832 :—

Horses.—To the owner of the best Stallion, which shall stand exclusively in the North West District, and be let to Mares from the 1st April to the 1st August, 1832, not being a racing Horse, but one calculated for carriage and saddle use—£8.

To the owner of the best Stallion, &c. for draft and farming purposes, like Premium—£8.

Should the horses who obtain these Premiums have been imported into the North West District previous to the 1st of April, 1832, the Society will give the further sum of—£2.

To the best Horse—A Silver Medal.

Mares.—To the owner of the best Brood Mare, with her Foal at her foot, in the North West District, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st of April, 1832, not being a racing Mare, but one calculated for carriage and saddle purposes—£8.

To the owner of the best Brood Mare, &c. for draft and farming purposes—£8.

Colts.—To the owner of the best Two Years' Old Colt, bred within the North West District, and which shall have been foaled in his or her possession, not being a racing Colt, but one calculated for carriage and saddle purposes—£3.

To the owner of the best Two Years' Old Colt, &c. calculated for draft and farming purposes—£3.

Fillies.—To the owner of the best Two Years' Old Filly, bred within the North West District, and which shall have been foaled in his or her possession, not being a racing Filly, but one calculated for carriage and saddle purposes—£3.

To the owner of the best Two Years' Old Filly, &c. for draft and farming purposes—£3.

Long Horned Bulls.—To the owner of the best Bull, in the North West District, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st of August, 1832, and shall have served at least twenty farmers' Cows—£5.

Teeswater, Durham, or Dutch Bulls, the like Premium—£5.

Ayrshire, Devon, or Polled Bulls, the like Premium—£5.

To the best of the Prize Bulls—A Silver Medal.

Long Horned Cows.—To the owner of the best Cow, in the North West District, fit for breeding and the dairy, that shall have a Calf within the year, and which shall have been in his or her possession the 1st August, 1832—£3.

Teeswater, Durham, or Dutch Cows, the like Premium—£3.

Ayrshire, Devon, or Polled Cows, the like Premium—£3.

Long Horned Heifers.—To the owner of the best Heifer, under Three Years old, in the North West District, fit for breeding and the dairy, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st August, 1832—£2.

Teeswater, Durham, or Dutch Heifers, the like Premium—£2.

Ayrshire, Devon, or Polled Heifers, the like Premium—£2.

Rams.—To the owner of the best Ram in the North West District, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st September, 1832, and remain in said district until the 1st January, 1833—£2.

Ewes.—To the owner of the best Pen (not less than three) in the North West District, with reference to fleece and carcase, which shall have reared their Lambs, and which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st September, 1832, and remain in the district to the 1st of April following—£2.

All Sheep to be shorn after the 1st of May.

Boars.—To the owner of the best Boar in the North West District, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st August, 1832—£2.

Sows.—To the owner of the best Breeding Sow, in the North West District, which shall have been in his or her possession on the 1st of August, 1832—£2.

CONDITIONS.

Any horse, mare, bull, cow, heifer, sheep, or swine, &c. that has

already obtained a first premium at any of the Society's Shows, are disqualified from again competing for money in the same class; and all animals which may have been adjudged a second premium at a previous Show, are hereby disqualified from again receiving the same premium in the same class; nor shall any animal which may have already obtained a second premium, and which may be afterwards shown, and adjudged a first premium in the same class, receive more than the difference between a first and second premium; but any animal obtaining a first premium in a second class, is not disqualified from competing in a higher class, for money, at a succeeding show.

The owners of all cattle, &c. intended to be shown are to lodge with the Secretary, no later than the Saturday previous to the day of Show, a written notice, stating the breed, and the exact age in years and months of the animal intended to be shown, as near as can be ascertained; and any incorrectness in such notice to disqualify the animal from being shown—all cattle must be in the Show-yard before 11 o'clock, and not to be removed before 2 o'clock—and no person to be allowed to compete for any of the above premiums who has not paid his subscription for the previous year.

The owners of all cattle coming upwards of ten miles to the Show, to be allowed a reasonable charge per mile, provided the Judges certify their having sufficient merit to entitle them thereto; and all premiums may be withheld for want of merit.

The owner of a Bull must prove that he gave public notice that his Bull was ready to serve, to the extent of twenty farmers' cows, when required, or that he had actually served them.

On former years prizes were awarded at the general Shows for the encouragement of Green Crops, Seed Wheat, Oats, Butter, Cheese, Implements of Husbandry, the manufacture of Woollen Cloth, Imitation Leghorn Bonnets, &c. and active measures taken to improve the Flax and Linen Trade, in connexion with the Trustees of the Linen Board.

BRANCH PREMIUMS.

To the Londonderry Branch, consisting of 58 Members, £16 15s. which, with £18 5s. paid in by them, makes £35, to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing—Owners of } £7	Black Cattle, Sheep, and } £6
ploughs }	Swine, }
Ploughmen 2	Cheese and Butter 4
Turnips 6	Servants for long and faith- } 4
Other Green Crops 6	ful service }

To the Moneymore Branch, consisting of 38 Members, £9 15s. 4d.—which, with £27 4s. 8d. paid in by them, makes £37, to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing £8	Wheat £4
Clover 6	Black Cattle, Sheep, and } 8
Turnips 8	Swine, }
	Ditches 3

To the Coleraine Branch, consisting of 64 Members, £8 10s.—which, with £16 paid in by them, makes £24 10s. to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing—Owners of } £9	Cattle £5 10
ploughs }	Green Crops 7 0
Ploughmen 3	

To the Tubermore and Maghera Branch, consisting of 24 Members, £2, which, with £22 9s. paid in by them, makes £24 9s. and 5 volumes of “Hints to Small Farmers,” to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing	£6 9 and 2 vols.
Ploughmen	1 10
Clover	5 0 and 1 vol.
Turnips	5 0 and 1 vol.
Black Cattle, Sheep, and Swine ..	6 10 and 1 vol.
	£24 9 5 vols.

To the Kenaught Branch, consisting of 81 Members, £15—which, with £35 paid in by them, makes £50, to be disposed of as follows :—

Ploughing—Owners of } £7	White and Red Clover £5
ploughs }	Neat Cottages 3
Ploughmen 3	Black Cattle 5
Wheat, Oats, and Barley 5	Brood Mares & Young Horses 8
Grass Seeds 2	Swine 2
Vetches and Beans 5	Turnips 5

To the Tirkeeran Branch, consisting of 87 Members, £6 10s.—
which, with £45 5s. paid in by them, makes £51 15s. and 5 volumes of "Hints to Small Farmers," to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing	..	..	..	£10 0 and 1 vol.
Ploughmen	..	..	..	3 0 and 1 vol.
Turnips	..	..	..	9 0 and 1 vol.
Enclosures	..	..	..	7 0 and 1 vol.
Field Gates	4 0
Grasses and Clover	5 15
Reclaiming Land	8 0 and 1 vol.
Bulls	5 0 and 1 vol.
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				£51 15 5 vols.

To the Magherafelt Branch consisting of 55 Members, £10.—
which, with £14 5s. paid in by them, makes £24 5s. to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing—Owners of ploughs	..	..	..	£6 0
Ploughmen	..	..	..	2 0
Seed Oats, Wheat, and Barley	..	..	..	4 0
Green Crops	..	..	..	6 0
Black Cattle, Horses, Swine	..	..	..	4 5
Neat Cottages	..	..	..	2 0

COOKSTOWN BRANCH.

No Return.

The remaining Branches will be found in their respective Counties of Tyrone and Donegal.

TEMPLEMOYLE.

A highly interesting feature in the proceedings of the North West

Society was the establishment of an Agricultural Seminary at Templemoyle, in the year 1826, copied from the plan of M. Fellenberg, at Hoffwyl, in Switzerland. The seminary is situated in a healthful part of the County Derry, six miles from the City, on the coach-road to Colerain. The house contains accommodations for one hundred pupils, with the Masters, an extensive school-room, dining-room, and large well ventilated dormitories.

The selection of Masters for this Institution does much credit to the care and discrimination of the Committee; and although defective in many essentials, (vide Mr. Murphy's report in "The Irish Farmer's and Gardener's Magazine" of August last,) the Institution has rendered important services to the interests of Agriculture in the North of Ireland, by sending forth young men skilled in the more modern and improved systems, whose immediate connexion with or perhaps relationship to the inhabitants, renders the office of removing long established prejudices more easy than by the instructions of Scotch or English Agriculturists, who are too often looked upon with distrust or jealousy.

The Pupils are instructed in Spelling, Reading, English Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Construction of Maps, Book-keeping as applicable to Farmers, Euclid's Elements, Trigonometry, with its application to heights and distances, and Land Surveying, together with the use of the Chain. The Pupils hear Lectures by the head Agricultural Master, on the theory and practice of Agriculture, illustrated by their daily practice. They are taught the Manual use of the Plough, and other implements of Husbandry, the most improved manner of draining Land, and laying out ridges, and water furrows, the management of horses on the farm, rotation of crops, &c. &c.; all these advantages, with board, washing, and lodging, for £10 per Annum.

The decline of the Parent Society is mainly attributed to the death of some of its most influential Members, and the total indifference evinced by the great body of Landed Proprietors to its efforts, which led to a lukewarmness in those Members who continued steady to its interests, and after a time induced them to discontinue their support. Always holding the Shows in Derry, contributed not a little to its downfall, as forming a pretext to those who lived at a distance for not becoming or remaining Members.

LONGFORD COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

MEMBERS.

Samuel Blackhall, Esq. Colamber.

William Webb, Esq.

Charles Nugent, Esq. Granard.

Thomas Thompson, Esq.

John Thompson, Esq.

A Society has been formed here, called "The County Longford Agricultural Society," Samuel Blackhall, Esq. Secretary. Particulars have not been yet supplied.

LOUTH COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Sir Allan Bellingham, Bart.

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William Filgate, Esq. Lisrenny.

Thomas Lee Norman, Esq. Ardee.

Henry Smith, Esq. Annesbrook.

Richard Maguire, Esq. Newgrove.

Nathaniel Manning, Esq. Gregstown.

Occasional Ploughing Matches and Cattle Shows are held about Castlebellingham, not, however, it is believed, under any regularly organized Society.

MAYO COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. S. Lindsay, Esq

MEMBERS.

Rev. Francis Rutledge, Hollymount.

Samuel L. Burke, Esq.

AGRICULTURAL SEMINARY AT HOLLYMOUNT.

This building has been lately erected by *the Trustees of the surplus of the money* collected in the year 1822, *for the use of the Irish poor, during the then scarcity*, upon land taken from Spencer Lindsay, Esq. The content of this farm is 94 acres British, and the rent paid to Mr. Lindsay £1 per acre. The land is poor and wet, but extensive drainage has already been undertaken upon it. The accommodation for Pupils, and Offices attached, are admirably constructed and nearly completed; the School, however, is not yet opened. The Superintendent engaged is the same who has for many years had the management of the Drapers' Company School, at Templemoyle, and bears a very high character. The agreement entered into with him is—that he is to take the land from the Trustees, on a lease of 21 years, subject to restrictions as to the mode of cultivation. The objections to this arrangement are very obvious, but as the system is not yet at work, and no account of it has been transmitted to this Society from those who have the management of it, it would be premature to condemn it here.

MEATH COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

J. W. L. Naper, Esq.

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The Marquess of Headford, Headford.
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 The Honorable Randal Plunket, Dunshaughlin.
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 Thomas H. Nangle, Esq. New Haggard.
 A. H. C. Pollock, Esq. Mountainstown.
 Edward Rotherham, Esq. Crossdrum.
 Sir William Somerville, Bart. Navan.
 Philip Smith, Esq. Cherrymount.
 B. P. Winter, Esq.
 W. B. Wade, Esq. Clonbrenny.
 Rev. Francis Winter, Tullyhard.
 William Webb, Esq. Castlecor.
 Nathaniel Sadler, Esq. Dunboyne.
 William Cruise, Esq. Mahood.
 Richard Reynell, Esq.
 J. Farrell, Esq. Moynalty.

 LOCAL SOCIETIES.

None are at present in existence.

The Demifore Farming Society (now discontinued) was the means of effecting much improvement in its neighbourhood, by the introduction of Iron Ploughs, and other modern implements of Husbandry.

MONAGHAN COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Edward Lucas, Esq. M.P.

MEMBERS.

J. E. Shirley, Esq.

Joseph Smith, Esq.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ERNE SOCIETY.

The County Monaghan Society is the offspring of a much more extensive Association, established in 1825, under the name of the "Erne Society," comprehending the Counties of Monaghan, Fermanagh, and Cavan. Under the original connexion, a general contest for Premiums took place twice a year at Clones, and similar contests were held in each of the other County Towns. Branch Societies, for the encouragement of local objects, neat houses, green crops, &c. were also established in different Districts in the several Counties. For some time the Society prospered exceedingly; the Subscriptions for the first year amounted to upwards of £700, besides considerable additional Subscriptions to the several Auxiliaries, which amounted in all to twenty. After some time, however, the funds began to decrease, and the *Erne Society* being ultimately broken up, the *County of Monaghan Society* was established in its place.

COUNTY MONAGHAN SOCIETY.

The following extract from a letter of the Secretary, Mr. Rose, will show the successful working of the former and present Societies: "From the commencement of the Erne Society down to the Show of Cattle, last March, there has been a regular progressive improvement in the Shows. The Cattle exhibited now are of a very superior description—and Ploughing Matches show excellent work, and very

different indeed from that in the outset. There was then scarcely an improved Plough in the County—now there are probably many hundreds.”

The County Monaghan Society is founded on the same principles, and as far as they are applicable is governed by the same Laws as was the Erne Society.

The following extracts from the Premium Sheets show the subjects of competition, and the manner in which the Prizes were awarded.

PLOUGHING MATCHES.

For ploughing in the best manner within $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, half a rood of Ground with one pair of Horses, Mules, Bulls, Oxen or Heifers, in reins, by the Candidate, his or her Son or Servant (which Servant must have been in his or her service two months previously.) For the First, £5 and a Silver Medal, not to become the property of the Candidate until won three years in succession at the County Ploughing Match.

For the Second,	..	..	..	..	£4
For the Third,	..	..	..	..	£3
For the Fourth,	..	..	..	..	£2
For the Fifth,	..	..	..	..	£1

No person shall be entitled to contend for any of the above Premiums but Subscribers to the Society, or those chiefly supported by Farming or their own Industry, being Subscribers to any Branch Society within the County, or holding not more than four Irish Acres of land, being Tenants of Subscribers to this Society, and those who have got first or second Premiums at the County Ploughing Matches for the years 1831, 1832, or 1833, shall be disqualified from receiving a *Money* Premium, but they may contend for the Silver Medal, and if succesful, the Money Premium will go to the next in merit.

Any Candidate will be disqualified whose sod is settled by any means except the Plough or the foot of the Ploughman as the Plough works, or who suffers any assistance as to poles, setting of irons or otherwise to be given to the Ploughman.

The above List is for the year 1834. On former occasions farming implements were awarded the successful Candidates, did they prefer them to money premiums.

CATTLE SHOW.

Horses.—1. For the best Stallion not being a Racer, but calculated for Draught and Saddle, and having been let to ten Mares, belonging to Farmers, residing in the County of Monaghan, at or under one Guinea, each—General Premiums—First, 3*l.*—Second, 1*l.*

Mares.—2. For the best Mare, with a Foal at her feet, not being a Racer, but calculated for Draught and Saddle—First Premium, 2*l.*—Second, 1*l.* 10*s.*

Bulls.—3. For the best Bull, not less than two years old, and having been let to twenty Cows, belonging to Farmers residing in the County of Monaghan, at not more than 2*s.* 6*d.* each—General Premiums—First, 3*l.*—Second, 2*l.*—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

Cows.—4. For the best Cow, having produced a Calf after the first of January last, and giving Milk at the time of Show—General Premiums—First, 2*l.* 10*s.*—Second, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

Heifers.—5. For the best two year old Heifer—General Premium, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Farmers' Premium, 1*l.* 5*s.*

6. For the best lot of three two year old Heifers—General Premium, 1*l.* 10*s.*

7. For the best one year old Heifer—General Premium, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Farmers' Premium, 1*l.* 5*s.*

Sheep.—8. For the best Ram of any breed—General Premiums—First, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

9. For the best Pen of three Ewes, having reared their Lambs after the first of January last—General Premiums—First, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

Swine.—10. For the best Boar, not less than one year old, and having been let to Sows at not more than one Shilling each—General Premiums—First, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Second, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.*—Second, 15*s.*

11. For the best Sow, having reared a litter of Pigs, after the first of January last—General Premiums—First, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Second, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.*—Second, 15*s.*

Instructions to the Judges.—You are to decide which is the best animal, or lot of animals, in the same class, having regard in forming your judgment to quality of flesh, lightness of offal, propensity to fatten, early maturity, and particularly to that frame and form, which

bespeak a general hardness of constitution.—In Sheep to quantity and quality of Wool, also in Cows to a good appearance for Milking.—You are particularly required to withhold any premium where the animal or article appears not to possess sufficient merit.

Butter.—To the Person having but one Cow, who shall show the best firkin of butter, her produce, on land situate within the County of Monaghan—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

To the like, having but two Cows, for the best firkin of Butter—Farmers' Premiums—First, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

To the like having but three Cows, for the best firkin of Butter—Farmers' premiums—First, 1*l.* 5*s.*—Second, 1*l.*

ARTICLES OF HOME MANUFACTURE.

Prizes were awarded for Wollen loth, (not less than 20 yards) for imitation of Leghorn hats, manufactured from grass or straw of grain, for the best constructed and cheapest carts, double and single harrows and trees, for the best constructed and cheapest wheelbarrow, for cart and plough harness, for milk vessels, and for the best constructed and cheapest iron gate.

RURAL IMPROVEMENTS,—COTTAGES, OFFICES, FARMS,

GREEN CROPS, &c., &c.,

1.—For the cleanest, neatest, and most comfortable Cottage, with suitable Offices and Gardens, on Farms not exceeding 10 Acres—3 Prizes.

2.—For the like, on Farms exceeding 10 Acres, and not exceeding 30 Acres—3 Prizes—To be inspected 17th October.

3.—For Gardens, suited to the Farms of the Candidates, but of not less than 10 perches, well Fenced, and Cropped in the best manner, with useful Vegetables—4 Prizes—To be inspected on first week in July, and 17th October.

4.—For the best and most appropriate Pig Houses and Yards—4 Prizes.

5.—For the best and most appropriate Dairy Houses, used as such only, and suited to the Farms—3 Prizes—To be inspected on 17th October.

6.—For the best and cleanest Crop of Vetches, not less than one Rood in each—To be inspected between 10th June and 1st July.—1 Prize.

7.—For the best and cleanest Crops of Turnips, Mangel Wurzel, Cabbages, Rape, or other Winter Green Food, not less than one Rood in the whole—To be inspected 17th October—3 Prizes.

8.—For the greatest quantity of Manure, in proportion to the Stock, produced by soiling Black Cattle in the house during the Summer Months on Green Crops—To be inspected 17th October—3 Prizes.

9.—For the greatest number of Hives, and best stock of Honey—To be inspected 1st September—3 Prizes.

10.—For the best laid out and fenced Farm, with Farm House best arranged, as to suitable Offices—An Iron Plough.

11.—For the Dung Stead best adapted for receiving and holding manure—2 Prizes.

Candidates in the foregoing classes of *Rural Improvement*, must serve notice on the Secretary at a stipulated period before inspection.

The general Rules for the government of the County Monaghan Society have been selected from those of its predecessor, the Erne Society, which, from its extensive ramifications, required a series of Regulations suited to the various localities of the District which was the theatre of its operations.

Those Rules being so extensive, and going at such length in to local details, would be unnecessary in these extracts.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Henry Smith, Esq. Mounthenry.

Cattle Shows and Ploughing Matches were some years back held in Durrow, which place, from the excellent accommodations afforded at the hotel, was considered the most eligible for those purposes.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Oliver Grace, Esq. Elphin.

MEMBERS.

Lord Crofton, Moat Park.

William H. Handcock, Esq. Athlone.

Oliver Armstrong, Esq. Roscommon.

Owen Young, Esq. Castlerea.

Matthew Young, Esq. Castlerea.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

No Society reported from this County.

SLIGO COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sir R. G. Boothe, Bart. Lissadill.

MEMBERS.

Colonel Perceval, M.P. Sligo.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

No Society reported from this County.

TIPPERARY COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

MEMBERS.

Right Hon. the Earl of Clonmel.
 Viscount Hawarden, Dundrum.
 Lord Bloomfield, Laughton.
 Hon. J. C. Bloomfield, Nenagh.
 John Baily, Esq. Debsboro'.
 Richard A. Baily, Esq. Ballinclough.
 James Butler, Esq. Templemore,
 Thomas Brereton, Esq. Nenagh.
 William Birch, Esq. Roscrea.
 John Carden, Esq. Templemore.
 Lord Dunally, Kilboy.
 John Going, Esq. Cragg.
 George Jackson, Esq. Mountpleasant.
 John Lloyd, Esq. Lloydsboro'.
 John Wolf, Esq. Rockfort.
 Edward Keating, Esq. Cashel.
 Robert Keating, Esq. Cashel.
 John Greene, Esq. Cappamora.
 John Stewart, Esq. Dundrum.
 Thomas Butler, Esq. Ballycarrin.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

No Society reported from this County.

TYRONE COUNTY.

The Agricultural Society of Ireland have not hitherto received any support from this County.

The North-West Society established some Branch Associations here, which went on well for several years, and contributed much to the improvement of Farming Implements, the breed of Horses, Cattle, and Pigs—the manufacture of Butter, and the cultivation of Green Crops, Flax, &c.

It is much to be feared, if active steps are not taken to prevent it, that these Branches will all share the fate of their Parent the North-West Society—as many of them, even in the most flourishing days of that Association, evinced considerable tardiness in meeting its views.

To the Caledon Branch, consisting of 44 Members, £4 15s.—which with £22 15s. paid in by them, makes £27 10s. and 4 volumes of the Society's Magazine, to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing	..	..	..	£7 10 and 1 vol.
Clover, Vetches, and Turnips	6 0 and 2 vols.
Barley and Oats	4 0
Flax	2 0
Horses, Cattle, and Swine,	8 0 and 1 vol.
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				£27 10 4 vols.

To the Newtown-Stewart Branch, consisting of 46 Members, 6l. 10s. which, with 17l. paid in by them, makes 23l. 10s. and seven volumes of the Society's Magazine, to be disposed of as follows:

Ploughing	..	..	..	£5 10 and 2 vols.
Ploughmen	..	..	..	1 10
Green Crops	..	..	..	6 0 and 1 vol.
Black Cattle, Sheep, and Swine,	8 0 and 2 vols.
Flax	1 10 and 1 vol.
Butter	1 0 and 1 vol.
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				£24 0 7 vols.

To the Strabane Branch, consisting of 98 Members, 6*l.* 10*s.*— which, with 35*l.* paid in by them, makes 41*l.* 10*s.* and 5 volumes of “Hints to Small Farmers,” to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing,	..	..	..	£7	0	and 1 vol.
Ploughmen,	..	..	..	2	0	
Turnips,	..	..	..	6	0	and 1 vol.
Clover,	..	..	..	6	0	and 1 vol.
Enclosures,	..	..	..	4	0	
Reclaiming Land,	..	..	..	4	0	and 1 vol.
Horses, Brood Mares, Cattle, Sheep, and Swine,	8	0	and 1 vol.			
Flax,	..	..	..	2	0	
Butter,	..	..	..	2	10	
				£41	10	5 vols.

To the Castlederg Branch, consisting of 18 Members, 3*l.* 5*s.*— which, with 6*l.* 5*s.* paid in by them, makes 9*l.* 10*s.* and 5 volumes of “Hints to Small Farmers,” to be disposed of as follows:—

Ploughing,	..	..	..	£4	0	and 2 vols.
Ploughmen,	..	..	..	1	0	
Turnips,	..	..	..	2	10	and 1 vol.
Clover,	..	..	..	2	0	and 1 vol.
				£9	10	4 vols.

Individual exertion is doing much towards the improvement of Husbandry in this County. On the estates of the Marquess of Abercorn, the Earl of Caledon, and on the Dungannon School lands, at Coal Island, active measures are in progress to introduce Rotation Crops, House Feeding, &c. &c. The latter place, formerly proverbial for all kinds of filth and wretchedness, as well as lawlessness and immorality, is making rapid strides towards improvement under the judicious management of the Agent, Mr. Blacker.

WATERFORD COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Lieutenant-Colonel William L. Curry.

MEMBERS.

Most Noble the Marquess of Waterford, Curraghmore.

Lieutenant-Colonel Palliser.

Robert Uniacke, Esq. Woodhouse.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

LISMORE.

This Society was formed in the year 1822, and continued in operation until 1827, during which time it appears to have effected much good. The following extracts are taken from one of its last Reports, when the Society numbered seventy-three Members:—

“It is well known that the Farmers in the Districts over which the Association extended itself, were not in possession of Implements, by which an improved System of Agriculture could be pursued, and therefore the first object of the Society was to distribute Ploughs, Harness, and other articles of a useful and necessary description—the distribution of which, aided by the exertions and support of the Gentlemen of the County who countenanced the Institution, produced a degree of emulation which was extremely gratifying; and the Committee beg to add, that there have been several instances of Farmers possessing but small capital, sending through the Officers of this Society to Scotland for Iron Ploughs, of a very superior description, which cost them over £6 each. The Committee have observed, with the utmost satisfaction, the great improvement which has taken place in the Breed of Cattle, of every description, since the establishment of the Society.”

Since the year 1827, there have been occasional Ploughing Matches on the Duke of Devonshire's Property, and rewards have been given

to his Tenantry for other Farming improvements—such as the cultivation of Clover, Potatoes in Drills, Bees, and Vetches, as well as excellence in general management.

Lismore Society has been re-organized by Colonel Curry, and a Ploughing Match held in March.

WATERFORD.

This Society was formed in the year 1829, and continues to flourish; in the year 1833 the Report gives a list of sixty-three Members. The following extracts are taken from it:—

“To form a just estimate of the advantages arising from the Institution of which we have now to report the progress for the past year, we should take a retrospective view of the state in which your District was at the time of its formation—and upon doing this, we think we have much reason for self-congratulation.

“In the year 1829, when your Society was first instituted, there were few parts of Ireland possessing the advantages of this District, which were in so backward a state of Agricultural knowledge. The implements in general use were of the commonest, most antique, and worst construction—the Plough being generally of a form little suited to its purposes, and worked in a manner which at present we may say is obsolete. Good Iron Ploughs are now universally substituted, drawn by horses in good condition, well tackled, and driven with long reins. In Carts there is also a great improvement; and we consider the Premium offered by your Society to the Mechanics has been a chief means of effecting this change. In the operation of Ploughing, which we regard as the first process in Farming, a great improvement is also observable, chiefly owing to the spirit of emulation excited by the Ploughing Matches.

“From this emanates the system of drill husbandry, which is now in extensive operation in your district—every Farmer who has once tried it being convinced of its superiority over the old method, particularly in the cultivation of Potatoes. We have also to congratulate you upon the great increase in the number of competitors among the Farmers and Cottagers—no less than fifteen of the former and fifty-nine of the latter having this year sent notices for inspection—and also, upon the vast improvement which has in many instances taken place among them, in the cleanliness of their Houses, of their Fur-

niture, Beds, Bed-clothes, &c. It is with sincere pleasure we remark the pride that many of them are beginning to take in those cleanly habits that it has been one of your leading objects to inculcate; but these instances are not numerous, and exist only where exertions have been made by the Landlords themselves to enforce them. Precept alone, we think, will be found insufficient; bad, slovenly, and dirty habits, which are countenanced by immemorial usage, cannot at once be removed; the change must be effected by constant looking after, constant reprimands, and constant encouragement where any change for the better is observed.

“Your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass, without expressing their decided conviction, that the first step towards improving the state of the Irish People is to make them value themselves; and that the first thing to be done to effect an object so desirable, is to make them comfortable in their habitations. Let Landlords, at their own expense, so far as the actual expenditure of money is necessary, erect suitable Houses and Offices for their Tenantry and Cottiers, charging (if they think fit,) a fair rate of Interest for their Capital expended: let them then, for the period we have mentioned, be unceasing in their exertions to have them taken care of and kept clean, and we confidently predict that the people will soon learn to value their comforts, and to change from those habits that so generally debase our Country. Any Landlord, by his Bailiff, can effect all this, by giving him written directions what each person is to do, and having his report upon it at specified periods.”

The Premiums lately offered by this Society have comprehended—

The best managed Farms, in three Classes, according to size—*i. e.* exceeding 10, 20, and 50 acres.

The neatest cottages, best drained land, best cultivated crops of turnips, mangold wurtzel, drilled potatoes, and red clover, best saved hay, to the manufacturers (resident within the District) of the best and cheapest iron plough, cart, and double harrow.

For the best bull, boar, sow, dairy cow, three, two, and one year old heifers.

Mr. Roberts, Secretary to the Society, thinks it probable that a change will be made, and the Premiums confined to those matters which are capable of being exhibited at their Shows or Meetings, such as stock, machinery, and implements, with samples of corn,

hay, &c. The inspection of crops, farms, and cottages, requiring a great deal of travelling about, and being attended with much labour and expense, Colonel Curry states, that he is of opinion, that those inspections and rewards, particularly for green crops, rotation of crops, and drill husbandry, are of the greatest importance, and if the management cannot be effected by an extended Society, it will be most essential that Landed Proprietors should pursue the system on their own estates, as most likely to improve the Agriculture of the Country.

WESTMEATH COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Sir Percy Nugent, Bart.

MEMBERS.

Earl of Longford, Rutland-square.

Travers Adamson, Esq. Carne-park.

Edward Briscoe, Esq. Grangemore.

Thomas Fetherstone, Esq. Mullingar.

Richard Fetherstone, Esq. Mullingar.

Charles Kelly, Esq. Charleville.

John Kelly, Esq. Glencarra.

W. D. Pollard, Esq. Castlepollard.

H. M. Tuite, Esq. Sonna.

R. Handcock Temple, Esq. Waterstown.

Henry O'Connor, Esq. Ballinnacarrig.

Robert Holmes, Esq. Prospect.

No Society established.

Ploughing Matches and Cattle Shows were some years since held by individuals living in this County. Mr. Adamson, of Carne-park, near Moate, particularly distinguished himself by his zeal for the

general improvement of rural objects, and especially the Breed of Cattle. Although Ploughing Matches have been discontinued, the Breed of Cattle is still carefully attended to by enterprising Gentlemen, who continue to hold Shows at particular Seasons, at their own residences. Mr. Holmes, of Prospect, and Mr. Nugent, of Castle-Richard, still persevere in keeping them up.

WEXFORD COUNTY.

MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Viscount Stopford, Courtown.

MEMBERS.

Earl of Courtown, Courtown.

Captain Graham, Newtownbarry.

Walter Hore, Esq. Harperstown.

Robert Owen, Esq. Millmount.

John Baker Graves, Esq. Dunsinane.

Robert Doyne, Esq. Wells.

There exist in this County two local Agricultural Societies, the North Wexford, and South Wexford—the former claims particular attention from the very efficient manner in which it is conducted, and the many valuable improvements which it has effected in all departments of Agriculture.

Ploughing Matches had been long established; but it was only through the untiring exertions of this Society, that the prejudices of the Labouring Classes were so far removed as to admit the introduction of the Drill System and Green Cropping. The Report of the Society for 1832, in alluding to the state of comfort and cleanliness of the cottages of the district states, that “a very considerable and diffused developement of favourable alteration (which unquestionably originated in the impulse given a few years ago by Mr. Boyse, at Bannow) now prevails in many parts of this County, through the

encouragement afforded by its two Associations, and proves, that even if no other benefit were to arise from the continuance of those Societies, the rapidly progressive transmutation of cabins into cottages, with gardens and orchards sometimes attached to them, would plead powerfully in their behalf."

It is also stated that the progressive improvement which characterized the Districts that year has suffered no diminution since, as regards the habitations of the Peasantry. In the other departments of the Society's labours, the following extracts will show that a manifest improvement has taken place :

"The Premiums proposed for the present year (1834,) comprehend a greater variety of objects for competition than any preceding year. It will be found by reference to them, that Prizes for Seed Corn, and Butter, have been added to the former Premium Sheets, upon the established principles of the Society, namely—honorary rewards to the Gentry, and pecuniary to the Farmers.

"The improvement in Cottages is very striking, and your Committee have to acknowledge a grant of £20 liberally made to them by the Irish Peasantry Society, to assist in the premiums for this particular purpose.

"The growth of green crops throughout the district has increased through the instrumentality of the Society. Clover and vetches are more used for soiling, and turnips are *creeping* into cultivation. We have twenty-one premium applications for turnips in the barony of Gorey alone, this year. This your Committee are well aware falls very far short of what it should be, but when it is considered that hitherto there have not been half that number in the whole district, some hope may be entertained that we are progressing towards the system of green crops and house-feeding, an object towards the attaining of which every possible exertion should be used. In furtherance of this important subject, your Committee have distributed several copies of Mr. Blacker's valuable pamphlets, and it is intended to afford pecuniary assistance to a few persons holding small farms in each of the baronies for the purchase of manure, upon condition of their strictly adopting the house-feeding system, and this to be followed up by a premium for the Farmer who shall keep for twelve months the greatest number of cattle in proportion to the quantity of land."

The Prizes offered for the year 1834, embraced all departments of rural economy, Bees excepted.

PLOUGHING MATCHES

Are divided into two Classes, Gentlemen and Farmers—2 Premiums to each.

GREEN CROPS.

Two Prizes are given for each description of Crop of the Farmers' Class.

One Prize for best Acre, Gentlemens' Class.

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An Agricultural Society was established in this County in 1830, called "The Farming Society of Shilelagh and Casha," Patron, the Earl of Fitzwilliam. It has continued in active operation since its origin. It holds Ploughing Matches and Periodical Shows of Cattle, besides giving Premiums for Green Crops, on Mr. Cobbett's principle.

The Ploughing Matches are divided into Gentlemen's, Farmers', and Ploughmen's Classes. To the first Class a Silver Medal is awarded, with two Money Prizes to the Ploughmen. To the second Class, one Prize of Farmers' implements is given, value 5*l.*, and a second in money, value 4*l.*—with three Money Prizes to the Ploughmen. To the third Class—3 Money Prizes.

The following is a List of the other Premiums offered :—

Sires.—For the best Draft Sire, to stand in the District, and to serve ten Mares, at 5*s.* each, the property of persons residing

therein, not holding more than thirty acres of land, provided so many apply—the Society's Gold Medal and 5*l*.

Bulls.—For the best Bull in each of the four following classes, viz. :—

Short Horns, or Polled, Ayrshire, Long Horns, and Devon—a Gold Medal.

For the best of the above-mentioned four Prize Bulls—the Society's Silver Cup, and 5*l*.

For the best Yearling Bull, calved and reared in the possession of a Member—a Gold Medal and 2*l*., (challengeable by Yearlings only.)

Cows.—For the best Cow, having had a Calf in the year 1833, in each of the following Classes, viz. :—Short Horns, or Polled, Ayrshire, Long Horns and Devon—a Gold Medal.

For the best of the said four Prize Cows—the Society's Silver Cup and 3*l*.

For the second best ditto—the Silver Medal.

Heifers.—For the best two-year-old Heifer—A Silver Medal and 2*l*. For the best yearling ditto—a Silver Medal and 1*l*.

Sheep.—For the best Ram—a Silver Medal and 3*l*. For the best Pen of not less than Ten Ewes, of one year old each, bred by a Member—a Silver Medal and 2*l*.

Swine.—For the best Boar—a Silver Medal and 2*l*. For the best brood Sow—2*l*. For the second best ditto—1*l*.

Bulls must stand in the District, and have served, gratis, ten cows.

PREMIUMS FOR GREEN CROPS.

For the best half acre of turnips, English statute measure, grown in the District in drill, by any person not holding nor renting above sixty acres of land, £5 0

For the second best ditto, 4 0

Third ditto, 3 0

Fourth ditto, 2 0

Candidates for those Premiums to be entered with the Secretary previous to the 1st of October.

Cups and Medals given by the Society, won three successive years for the same description of prize, then become the property of the person who has so won, but not otherwise.

The Judges to have the power of withholding any of the prizes for deficiency of merit.

