

104 of the various country was governed according to the various Provincial settlements. Within the province again there were County Councils elected, these were generally to see to the undertaking of the larger works such as the main through ^{Roads} Bridges &c that were required. Within the counties again were small - or committees elected, these were called the Road Boards, & certain defined portions would be entitled to elect a member. The combined work of the Board was first to levy the rates and see to its collection and distribution of the work, of making roads, erecting Culverts or small bridges. There was often a good deal of rivalry & sometimes, it was thought that ^{money} ~~services~~ were spent in places where it was not almost always required. But this attitude is not confined to any time or place, and there are even now many that always have a grievance. The general overseeing of the work was put in the hands of some qualified man. In our district, which was administered by the Ellesmere Road Board, was under the cap.

105 able hands of a Mr Lunn, and I think he occupied that position for well over thirty years until the ^{were merged into} Province was divided into a good many more Counties which took over the work of the Road Boards. The Ellesmere Agricultural Society came into existence sometime during the period between 1870 & 1880. This had the object of creating an interest in the development of all branches of agricultural pursuits and the breeding of good stock. Shows both of general produce and various classes of stock were held each year in Leeston. Our district of Brookside, became noted for the breeding of some splendid animals, & which held their own in competition at the largest show in the country and in competition with breeders from all parts of the South Island. Amongst the breeders most prominent, were Mr John Boag of Middle Rigg Farm. Noted for his