

similar nuisances at the Exhibition Grounds as much as possible; and it was *Resolved* that arrangements should be made for the holding of meetings for discussion on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday of the Exhibition week.

Mr. Anderson's letter being considered, it was *Resolved* that his request to be again admitted as an exhibitor cannot be acceded to this year.

*Resolved*.—That the Judges for the Exhibition be appointed in the same manner as heretofore for the Agricultural Department, by requesting the County Societies to nominate competent persons for certain classes, and the Board selecting from such nominations such names as may be necessary, and that a committee be appointed for the purpose, consisting of the President of the Board, the President of the Association, Professor Buckland, and Mr. Denison; and the judges for the Arts Department be appointed by the Committee of Boards of Arts.

*Resolved*.—That the President of the Association be requested to communicate with His Excellency the Governor General, and such other distinguished persons as he may think proper to include, inviting them to visit the approaching Exhibition.

On motion Dr. Beatty's letter in reference to internal fittings of the Building was referred to the Local Committee.

*Resolved*.—That Messrs. Thomson, Burnham, Christie, Ruttan, Buckland, and Denison, be authorised as Delegates to the New York State Show at Utica in September next; and Mr. Fergusson, Dr. Richmond, Dr. Beatty, and the Hon. Mr. Alexander, to visit the Lower Canada Provincial Exhibition at Montreal, taking place at the same date.

Moved by Professor Buckland, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and

*Resolved*.—That a public trial of Mowers, Reapers, and Ploughs, be conducted under the direction of the Board at the most suitable period next summer, at which the awards of the Provincial Exhibition shall be given, on the condition that all prize implements shall be exhibited at the Provincial Show.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for getting Posting Bills of the Exhibition printed and distributed.

The Council then adjourned at 12 o'clock to 3 p. m., then to meet and join the Local Committee at the City Hall.

#### AS THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,

The Board met, at 12 o'clock, noon. Present: Messrs. Thomson, Ferguson, Burnham, Denison, Ruttan, and Buckland.

The following communications were submitted:—

From the Bureau of Agriculture, dated 27th Feb. 1863, stating that the following gentlemen had been elected members of the Board,

viz: Hon. David Christie, Wm. Ferguson, Esq., Asa A. Burnham, Esq., and Dr. Richmond.

Copy of letter to the Hon. Mr. Eventure, Minister of Agriculture, in accordance with instructions at last meeting of the Board, applying for the 2½ per cent. which had been withheld from the Agricultural grants in 1862, for purposes of agricultural instruction.

From the Secretary of the East Riding of York Agricultural Society, in reference to receiving the Report of York Township Society, a part of such Township being in the East Riding, and a part in the West Riding of York.

From Mr. Henry Strickler, of Waterloo Township, to whom the Flax Scutching Machine belonging to the Board had been lent, reporting favourably in regard to the working of the machine.

Telegraph messages from the Bureau of Agriculture, received by the Secretary in February last, asking for returns of the harvest of 1862, and also a letter of a later date, acknowledging the receipt of such report as the Secretary had been able to forward from the materials at command. These communications were submitted with the view of eliciting the opinion of the Board, as to the propriety of adopting measures for annually obtaining complete and reliable agricultural statistics as soon as possible after harvest.

A letter from Mr. Chamberlin, Secretary of the Canada Commission for the International Exhibition at London, 1862, accompanying specimens of many varieties of seeds, which had been shown at that Exhibition from different countries, and now forwarded for distribution to Upper Canada contributors to the same of grains; also, letters from parties amongst whom these seeds had been distributed, acknowledging receipt of the same, and promising to experiment with and report upon them.

From the President of the County of Grey Agricultural Society, desiring to be informed whether the Mount Forest Branch Society, consisting partly of members residing in the County of Wellington, and holding their exhibition within the County of Wellington, is entitled to a share of the Government Grant from the County of Grey Society, in proportion to the number of members.

From Mr. C. Knowlson, of Peterborough, calling in question, at considerable length, the soundness of the principles upon which the Agricultural Societies of the country are organised and supported by Government, and imputing to some societies, especially in the County of Victoria, gross abuses in the management of their affairs, and suggesting the necessity of due enquiry into the subject.

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