

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

In the *Canada Gazette* Extra, of June, 14th, the following Gentlemen were announced as having been elected members of the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada, established by Act 13 and 14 Victoria, Cap. 73, viz:—

E. W. Thomson, Esq., of the Township of York.
Honorable Adam Ferguson, of Woodhill.
Henry Ruttan Esq., of Cobourg.
R. L. Denison, Esq., of Toronto.
David Christie, Esq., of Brantford.
J. B. Marks, Esq., of Kingston.
John Harland, Esq., of Guelph.

[The Hon. Inspector General, and the Professor of Agriculture in the University of Toronto, (not yet appointed) are *Ex-officio* Members of the Board.]

The first meeting of the Board was summoned by the Provincial Secretary at the St. Lawrence Hall, in this city, on Wednesday, July 2nd, at Noon. Present, J. B. Marks, H. Ruttan, R. L. Denison, D. Christie and J. Harland.

Resolved;—That in consequence of the unavoidable absence of some Members of the Board, the question of a permanent Chairman for the year be deferred, and that J. B. Marks Esq. be Chairman *pro-tem*.

Resolved;—That Mr. G. Buckland be the Secretary of this Board.

Resolved;—That the thanks of the Board be communicated to Mr. Sherill Treadwell, and W. McDougal Esq. for their communications.

Resolved;—That the thanks of the Board be given to Professor Nicol, for his valuable and appropriate donation of the *Transactions of the original British Board of Agriculture*, in 7 Vols. quarto, for the purpose of assisting in the formation of an Agricultural library.

The remainder of the day was spent in considering the provisions of the new Agricultural Bill now before Parliament. At 6 o'clock the Board adjourned to next day, at 10 A. M.

THURSDAY, July 3rd.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A. M. when the Hon. Francis Hincks, Inspector General was present.

Various matters in reference to the future operations of the Board and the Provincial Association, were taken into consideration, more with a view of becoming better acquainted with these subjects than to an immediate action thereon.

Resolved; That the Board having received a communication from the Secretary of the Provincial Industrial Commission, stating that at a meet-

ing of the Commissioners held on the 17th of June, they unanimously passed a resolution, that the sum of £25 given for the best 25 bushels of Wheat, the property of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, exhibited at Montreal, in October last, had been paid, in error, to the Treasurer of the Agricultural Association, and that the grower of the wheat was the only party fairly entitled to the same. That after such intimation of the decision of the Commission, this Board hereby instructs the Treasurer of the Agricultural Association to refund to the Ind'l Commission the whole amount received for prizes by the Agricultural Association, viz, £33 5s., less the expenses for freight and personal superintendence; the Board being of opinion that the principle laid down by the Commissioners in regard to the first prize for wheat applies equally to the third, and also to flour.

The Board desires to state further, that the Agricultural Association in sending articles for competition to the Provincial Exhibition at Montreal; articles which they had acquired by means of liberal prizes given at their last Annual Show, at Niagara, (for which they are greatly indebted to the liberality of the Canada Company,) were actuated solely by patriotic motives; and that the late misunderstanding would not have arisen, if the 3d published rule of the Commission had been fully expressed, or its conditions clearly defined.

The articles sent by the Agricultural Association for competition at the Industrial Exhibition, were described according to the form attached to the fourth printed regulation, with the names and residences of the respective producers; any omission, therefore, of such names in the descriptive prize lists issued by the Commission, cannot be fairly chargeable against the Agricultural Association.

In consequence of the wetness of the weather the Board deferred visiting the University grounds, and repaired to the Parliament House to make a further examination of the Agricultural Bill. A few modifications were agreed to. Adjourned to next day at 9 o'clock, to meet at the University.

FRIDAY, — JULY 4.

The Board proceeded this morning to inspect the University grounds, with a view to ascertain what portion of them would be the most suitable for an experimental farm. They were met and accompanied by the President and Professors Croft and Nicol. The opinion was unanimous, that the ground lying to the west of the ravine, was, on several accounts, the best adapted for the purpose. The soil varies materially from south to north, and the ground is, to a considerable extent clear of trees. The impression made on the Board by this inspection was quite favourable.

They afterwards repaired to the St. Lawrence Hall and reviewed their proceedings.

Resolved. That the following prizes be offer-