

ment should not be allowed to interfere with the possible sale of the land in the mean time.

The committee have thankfully accepted the ground upon the above conditions.

2. The committee considered that a canyass tent was preferable in many respects to either a wooden building, or anything of the nature of India rubber fabric. Canyass tents are in general use for such purposes elsewhere, and they are better adapted for moving and carrying about to different places of the country than any other kind of erection. Before, however, finally determining upon the general character and dimensions of the building, it was considered desirable to consult the Secretary of the New York State Society in regard to some of the details. Accordingly he was addressed by the Vice President for St. John, and an extract from his answer to Mr. Jardine (herewith given) puts us at once in command of almost the whole subject.

"New York State Agricultural Rooms, }  
"Albany, Dec. 24, 1851. }

"DEAR SIR,—I have your letter of the 12th inst., and although, I cannot answer it fully to day, I thought best to give you all the information I now have, and write again in a few days.

"The Tent which we have for our Fairs, is 140x80—35 feet to the extreme of the tent, 12 feet walls.

"A Tent of this size of the best quality of cotton Duck, flat seamed, with rigging complete to sustain a moderate breeze can be purchased here for \$725.00. It would be done in the best style—if not satisfactory as to work and materials when done—no sale.

"As to the Tent with transepts, I cannot give you an answer, until the gentleman whom I have consulted, and who has made all the new Tents for our State and County Societies, has made his estimates—which he will complete, as soon as he can prepare a model, from which he will be able to give the cost.

"The Tent like ours, can be prepared and ready to be delivered in 6 weeks from the time of the order. The other probably would take two weeks longer to prepare.

"Our Tent is a very convenient one and can be arranged internally very easily and very tastefully."

"The Tents can be obtained of "E. C. Williams Rochester N. York." A letter addressed to him through me, will be forwarded at once, and I can assure you of his faithfulness in doing what he undertakes."

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The committee had contemplated a tent with transepts, and of proportions not very different from those of the Tent used by the N. Y. State Society: it will perhaps be better now to give up the idea of transepts, and leave the proportions for a future day.

A large Pavilion therefore, such as the above, with open pens or stalls for cattle, &c. in its vicinity, will constitute all the buildings required.

3. The committee consider that the charges connected with the said erection should be defrayed by means of a special appropriation from the Provincial Treasury: the Pavilion would thus become public property, and might be conveyed from time to time into such counties as were fixed upon as the seat of the periodical Exhibitions of our Art, Industry and Resources.

4. It may also be requisite to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for an appropriation of public monies for the subject of Premiums, to be bestowed on exhibitors at the proposed Provincial Show and Fair.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. ROBB, *Chairman of Preliminary Committee.*