

requested to give notice to the several Electoral Division Agricultural Societies to send up each one delegate to attend a meeting to be held in Toronto the month preceding the meeting of the Legislature, for the purpose of agreeing upon, and recommending, such alterations as they may deem necessary in the Agricultural Statute, and that the Board of Arts and Manufacture, and the Horticultural Societies be invited to attend, and in order more fully to carry out the spirit of the foregoing resolution a synopsis of the Bill introduced at the last meeting of the Legislature be published, and a copy thereof sent to each County and Electoral Division Society, in order that the delegates may have a thorough knowledge of the subject under discussion, and that the travelling expenses of such delegates be paid out of the general funds of the Association, and that the President of the Board of Agriculture be authorized to name the day and place of meeting by circular.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. R. L. Denison, seconded by Mr. W. Ferguson,

That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to John Barwick, Esq., for his very energetic and valuable services during the past year as President of this Association.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. A. Burnham, seconded by Dr. Beatty,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Johnson and the members of the Local Committee for their efficient services in providing the excellent accommodation for the present show.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Annual Address

DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, JOHN BARWICK, ESQ., AT LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Provincial Agricultural Association:

In accordance with the usual custom adopted by the former Presidents of the Association, I now proceed to address you.

The gentlemen who have heretofore so ably filled the Presidency, have so well treated the different subjects that come within the scope of an address, that little is left for me to allude to, but what is trite to my brother Farmers. A slight retrospect, however, of the benefits conferred on the farmers of

Canada by this Association, may not be deemed out of place upon the present occasion.

The agricultural Association of Upper Canada, which was organized in 1846, has steadily advanced in prosperity and usefulness. In that year the sum of £220 only was awarded in Premiums—at the last Exhibition Premiums had been increased to no less sum than £3,750.

The success that has attended the Association is not to be measured solely by the distribution annually of a large sum of premiums. The Association has been instrumental, in connection with the board of Agriculture, in collecting and circulating a mass of thorough, practical, and valuable information, which now appears in "The Transactions of the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada," comprising three volumes, and inducing a zealous competition from all parts of the Province, and from some of the neighboring States, whereby the most improved machinery and labor-saving implements, of all descriptions of stock, which are not to be surpassed on this continent, are made available to the Canadian Farmer.

The system of holding the Exhibition in different parts of the Province, periodically brings the many and varied improvements in stock, machinery and manufactures, under the notice of all the inhabitants of the various districts of the Province.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Agriculture, it was decided to erect an Agricultural Museum in Toronto. The building is to be proceeded with at once, and will be completed in the early part of next year. The Agriculturist will then have a repository where samples of the various products of the country can at all times be viewed—a subject of interest and importance, not only to the Canadian Farmer, but to foreigners and intending settlers.

The office of the Board of Agriculture is to be placed in the building, and a portion of it is to be occupied by Mr. James King, the enterprising and reliable seedman of the Association.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, while he attended the Exhibition of last year, expressed himself highly gratified with the progress of the Association, and with the display of Canadian products on that occasion, and marked his approval of the organization of the Association, by becoming