

proceeding with the object with greater earnestness and dispatch, was unanimously felt and approved of. It was therefore

Resolved,—That the requisite means for putting the Experimental Farm into a more improving condition be forthwith taken; that a team and necessary implements be procured, not to exceed in the first instance, £250, which sum the Treasurer is hereby authorised to advance, if necessary; and that plans and estimates for a dwelling house, with necessary buildings and fences, be procured with as little delay as possible; and that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, be a Committee to carry out the Provisions of this Resolution.

The Reports received by the Board from County and Township Agricultural Societies for 1852, in accordance with the provisions of the present Statute, may be regarded on the whole as satisfactory, and a decided improvement on previous years. Several cases of difficulty experienced by Societies, in regard to the distribution of the Government grant in one case, and the place of holding the Exhibition, and the legal recognition of two rival Societies in the same County, in others. It was

Resolved,—That the Board can only take action in disputed matters, when the law provides that it shall act, and therefore anything that has occurred in any County with respect to the division of monies by County and Township Societies for the past year, is beyond the control of the Board.

Resolved,—That in the event of two or more Societies being formed in any one County, the Board can only decide which is the legally constituted Society by reference to the date of its formation. In all cases the Society first formed, if it has complied fully with the conditions of the law, should be accepted as the authorized County Society.

The Secretary laid before the Board a letter from James Whitman, Esq., of New York, with several circulars relative to the forthcoming New York Exhibition; also a Resolution passed by the Toronto local committee of the Provincial Association in relation to the same subject; whereupon it was

Resolved,—That in reference to the Resolution passed by the Provincial Association in September last, the Board are not now in a position to take any action with respect to the New York Exhibition, not having received any official communication from the Provincial Government on the subject.

Resolved,—That this Board do adjourn to the second Wednesday in June, to meet in the City Hotel at Hamilton.

Signed E. W. THOMSON,
Chairman.

Mr. Card, of Guelph, offers through Mr. Harland, a quart of seed of the Gold of Pleasure for the purpose of testing on the Experimental Farm.

Just as the Board rose the Secretary received the following letter from David Christie, Esq., M. P. P.:

Quebec, 23rd April, 1853.

My dear Sir.—It will be impossible for me to leave my Parliamentary duties so as to attend the Meeting of the Board of Agriculture. I regret this very much.

I am well pleased to learn from you that the Agricultural Reports are of so good a character. This is a point of the highest importance to Canada, and the success which has attended our efforts to elicit information, shows the propriety of the plan adopted by us. Wishing you a prosperous meeting—

I remain,

Yours very truly,

DAVID CHRISTIE.

George Buckland, Esq., Toronto.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1852.

In all ages Agriculture has been regarded as the most useful and necessary of occupations. It is said, "The King himself is served by the field." Whatever improves the Agriculture of a country promotes its welfare, therefore every true patriot rejoices at any advance made in the art of husbandry. Your Board consider the present state of this colony particularly cheering in this respect.

A glance at the statistics of this Province convinces at once of the great increase in population and agricultural products, &c., and of necessity in prosperity.

The appointment of a Minister of Agriculture, together with a Bureau of Agriculture, promise much for the welfare of the farming community, as they will be valuable means for collecting and circulating information, instituting experiments and various other matters which cannot be accomplished by individuals or individual Societies.

Your Board refer with pleasure to the flourishing condition of the Provincial Agricultural Association. At its last show many articles were superior and others equal in quality to those exhibited at the New York State fair. In aid of its funds your Board granted £10.

Your Board however would look at their own sphere of operation and see if there is an advance made here. It is with much pleasure they give tangible evidence of the rapid improvement of this County and great increase in wealth, as shewn by the Census taken in 1852.

Your Board regret they cannot give as detailed a statement as they could wish; however, sufficient can be given to convince every one of the prosperity of this County; it may be observed that by County is meant the United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria.

In the year 1812, the number of inhabitants in this County was 13,745; in the year 1852, 26,894, showing an increase in the population of a fraction less than 100 per cent in 40 years. An increase in a County which is seldom obtained