

Mr. CHRISTIE suggested that the Secretary should be instructed to notify the Agricultural Associations of Quebec, New York, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan, of the time appointed for the holding of the Ontario Exhibition.

Professor BUCKLAND suggested that the next meeting of the Board be held at London, as early in the Spring as possible. Agreed to.

Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Mr. WILSON, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay such amounts, from time to time, as the Executive Committee may recommend. Carried.

Mr. WELD, of the *Farmer's Advocate*, was introduced to the meeting and urged the propriety of establishing an Agricultural Emporium, in which seeds could be collected and tested, and agricultural machines always at the command of the farming community. The whole subject was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Council adjourned till Friday morning at half-past nine.

The third day's proceedings commenced with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, after which Mr. Denison was introduced by the chairman, and proceeded to defend his claim upon the Association for commission. The substance of his statements is contained in the following letter written by him to the late President of the Board, and which he read:—"When making out my account this year I made a charge of one per cent. upon the money I received from the Government, and which I paid to the Riding Societies of the Province. This work I have performed for 15 years without any remuneration whatever. When I was elected Treasurer of the Agricultural Association the above was no part of my work, and it was not till some years after this extra work and responsibility was thrown upon me by an Act of Parliament. I have been relieved of the work which has been assumed by the Agricultural Department of Ontario, and I will venture to say the whole work will cost as much, if not a great deal more, than I have charged. When the subject came before the auditors, they said the charge was not at all in proportion to the responsibility and work."

When I first accepted the office of Treasurer to the Association (I was elected in my absence and without my knowledge), the work and everything in connection with it was in a far different state to what it is now, and has been for the last ten or fifteen years; yet there has been no increase in the salary attached to it.

The whole receipts of the Society in 1846 only amounted to \$1,900, in 1847, \$2,000, and in five years after, \$8,000. It was in that year the Bill passed, under which I had to pay the Riding Societies \$20,000 in addition to my other greatly increased work for the Association, in all \$37,000.

The work has gone on increasing till now, when it amounts, as per the last completed audit, which was December 21st, 1860, to \$81,449, made up as follows:—

Received on account of the Board ..	\$ 5,265
Riding Societies	49,167
Associations	27,017

\$81,449

On these grounds Mr. Denison's adhered to his claims for commission. In reply to an enquiry whether the matter could not be arranged by arbitration, he said that he did not like arbitration, and finally it was resolved—

That after hearing the explanations of Mr. Denison, and the old members of the Board, this Board is of opinion that the charge of the late Treasurer for commission should not be allowed, and that unless the money be paid over to the present Treasurer in one month, or security given, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, legal proceedings be taken to recover the same.

Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Mr. CHRISTIE. That a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Dr. Beatty, Macdonell, Graham, Christie, Cowan and the mover, be appointed to examine into and report to this Council upon the claims of the Association to the several Palaces and buildings in Toronto, London, Kingston and Hamilton, and the securities, if any, held by the late Board upon the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. RYKERT, seconded by Mr. MACDONELL.—That the Secretary and Treasurer be instructed to insure the Library and Furniture of the Association in some Stock Company for a sum of not less than \$2,000.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. RYKERT, seconded by Mr. CHRISTIE.—That the Secretary be instructed to notify the Secretary of the Poultry Association, that their communication will be referred to the Executive Committee for their report.

Mr. CHRISTIE moved a By-law to the effect.—That the Treasurer shall, as soon as convenient, deposit in the bank of the Association all moneys received on its behalf; that the Treasurer shall keep a deposit account of silver received on behalf of the Association in such bank. That the Treasurer shall, at the end of each month, prepare a statement of the receipt and expenditures of the Association, and publish the same in the agricultural journals published in the Province of Ontario. That there shall be two financial periods, namely, the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each year; and at the expiration of each period it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare and submit for audit his accounts for such periods. That immediately on the preparation of such statement, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to summon the Auditors to examine his accounts, and when the Auditors shall have made their report, the Treasurer shall publish the same in the agricultural journals aforesaid.

This by-law was read a first, second and third time, and passed.

Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Mr. GIBBONS, That Messrs. Patton, Osler & Moss, be appointed by the Board as their solicitors.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. RYKERT that the Secretary notify the Commissioners of Agriculture of the Treasurer's appointment.—Carried.

Dr. BEATTY moved that the Treasurer's securities be referred to the Executive Committee in lieu of the Special Committee, and that the settlement of the valuation of the farm property be referred to the Executive Committee, and that the Secretary be instructed to employ Mr. Sheard to value said farm as soon as practicable.

A letter was read from Mr. Donaldson on the growth of flax. The letter was laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. WHITE, seconded by Mr. GIBBONS, that the next meeting of Council be held at London.—Carried.

Professor BUCKLAND asked for the annual grant of \$40 for the defraying of the expenses of the examinations at the Veterinary College.

Mr. CHRISTIE cordially supported the grant. There was no more useful institution connected with the agricultural interests of the country than the Veterinary College. In olden times, a properly qualified Veterinary Surgeon was a thing unknown, and the losses that fell on the farming population for lack of them was incalculable. Now, however, the desideratum was being speedily supplied by means of this institution. He regarded Professor Smith as able a man in his profession as was to be met with on the continent. In Illinois last year he had ample opportunity of comparing him with Professor Gamgee, and it appeared to him that Smith was the ablest man of the two; and they ought to be proud of having such a man connected with the Association in any way.

Mr. COWAN also spoke in favour of the grant.

Mr. GIBBONS asked how many graduates the College had sent out? He put the question as he had not come across any of them in his district.

Prof. BUCKLAND replied that already sixteen certified surgeons had been sent from the College, and at present the number attending the classes was twenty-five. At another point he called attention to was the want of accommodation for the proper carrying on of the classes of the College. The premises were altogether unfitted for the proper management of the College, and he thought it would be advisable at some early day for the Board to accept Professor Smith's offer, viz, that he will build proper premises if the Board guarantee him the sum of \$150 per annum. Mr. Buckland then referred to the great importance of experiments being carried on, and enlightened views disseminated concerning the improvement of their classes of wheat. It was all very well to have shows of cattle, &c., but no matter of greater moment could possibly be brought under the consideration of agricultural associations than this. He then read the following letter from Mr. Arnold, Paris, bearing on this subject:—

"PARIS, Ontario, Feb. 6, 1860.

"Hon. J. CARLING, Commissioner of Agriculture:

"Sir, - Having been impressed for many years with the importance of hybridizing or crossing different varieties of fruit, and having proved by my experiments with the grape and the raspberry, that with both these fruits, vigour and productiveness have been very much increased by crossing; the idea became strongly impressed on my mind that the judicious crossing of different varieties of wheat must be attended with like beneficial results. Acting upon this suggestion (and I believe also desirous to benefit my country), three years ago I selected one plant each, white Soules and red midge-proof wheat, and after much persevering labour have succeeded in producing 15 varieties (selected from upwards of 100) that seem to combine all the good qualities of both parents with much increased vigour and productiveness. One variety in one season yielded me upwards of 4,800 kernels from one kernel; and last year, under ordinary cultivation, some of these varieties yielded at the rate of from 60 to 80 bushels to the acre, while other varieties in rows, within 7 inches of them, under the same cultivation, only yielded at the rate of from 20 to 30 bushels per acre.

These wheats were partially examined last year by Hon. D. Christie, but more thoroughly by P. O'Connor, Esq., Hiram Capron, Esq., and Mr. Edward Brown, all good judges.

"I have now about an acre of these 15 varieties planted, and solicit from the Agricultural