

Amendment put and lost, and main motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Wheler, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, and that he be requested to use the influence of the Government in carrying it out.—Carried.

Moved by Professor Buckland, seconded by Hon. Mr. Burnham, that the Board of Agriculture urge upon the Government the propriety of taking measures to prevent the importation into this Province of cattle from countries where the cattle plague is known to exist.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Stock, That the thanks of the Association be given to the Great Western and the Grand Trunk Railway Companies, for the liberal terms, and the large amount of accommodation afforded by them in the conveyance of passengers, stock, and articles to and from the exhibition.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Grey, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the importers of thoroughbred stock.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. K. Scholfield, seconded by Mr. Dennis Nixon, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Mr. J. C. Rykert, for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of the Association during the past year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Shier, That the thanks of the Association be, and are hereby tendered to the Treasurer and Secretaries for their valuable services during the past year.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

#### TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The several evening classes for the winter season are now fully organized, and promise to have a prosperous session, both as to numbers and efficiency. The Book-keeping class now embraces 61 pupils, the English class 12, Arithmetic 13, Architectural and Mechanical Drawing, 14; Ornamental Drawing 12, French 12; and Mr. Lewis' Phonography and Elocution classes 32—in all 156 pupils. For details of the working of these classes see Journal for September and October.

The liberal spirit in which the Directors of the Northern Railway promote these classes, in an annual appropriation towards prizes awarded at the close of each term; and the active interest taken therein by the Managing Director, F. W. Cumberland, Esq., cannot be too highly com-

mended; and at the close of the present session the Directors of the Company will also award, by competition, to pupils of the classes two apprenticeships; one of them will be to learn general railroad business, the other to learn the business of a machinist in the workshops of the Company. These are real prizes, when it is considered that the apprentice begins with a salary of fifty cents a day.

We trust that not only will the youths who attend these classes be largely benefited by the liberality of this Company and the Directors of the Institute, but that the one may thereby secure good, honest, and intelligent employees, and the other build up for itself a useful and intelligent membership, and for society honorable citizens.

The Directors of the Institute have engaged with Mr. Vandenhoff to deliver a series of readings in Toronto and the principal cities and towns of Upper Canada. This course has been taken we believe at the suggestion of Mr. Vandenhoff himself, as the only plan by which he could give readings in any but the two or three largest cities of the Province. The *Toronto Globe* says—

"The enterprise is one of great interest and importance, and we hope it will meet with the hearty co-operation of the places which are to be favoured with his visits. Public readings are exceedingly popular in England, and attract, even when given by non-professional readers. They have a charm in themselves—in the thoughts of genius, the melodies of poetry, and the creations of fiction. Mr. Vandenhoff is not only an elocutionist of the highest order—he is an artist, who himself creates in the very pictures he delineates and represents; and while his readings are the finest and truest interpretation of his author, instructing his hearers and exalting their taste—they have all the attractiveness which makes theatrical performances so fascinating, with none of their moral objections. In Toronto he always commands large audiences—amongst them the most intelligent and respectable members of the community. This enterprise of the Mechanics' Institute is a public benefit, and will, we trust, meet with that support which it so well deserves. The Board of Directors are an educational body, and desire to give impulse to similar institutions throughout the country. In this engagement with Mr. Vandenhoff they consider they are aiding the important work of popular amusement and improvement, and while they enter on the undertaking with hopes of success, they contemplate that it shall be only the beginning of greater efforts for the same important moral and intellectual object. Mr. Vandenhoff will visit the following places:—Hamilton, Dundas, Woodstock, Brantford, Ingersoll, London, Stratford, Galt, Guelph, Whitby, Oshawa, Port Hope, Cobourg, Belleville, Kingston, Brockville and Oshawa. The enterprise is a novel and noble one, and we would urge upon these several places to countenance it by giving Mr. Vandenhoff a good reception."