

men whose names were handed him, and Circulars to be post-paid. The Circular will be found in the columns of this Journal. On the evening of the 5th of April, the Directors having concluded their notes for their Report, adjourned to Monday, the 14th of April, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M., Mr. Langevin having kindly consented to take the notes, and make a regular report upon them, to be submitted to the adjourned Meeting of the 14th of April, instant. On the 14th April, the Directors met at 4 o'clock, P. M., according to adjournment. The same gentlemen were present, with the exception that John Yule was present. The Report prepared by Mr. Langevin, was presented and discussed, and copies in English and French ordered to be submitted at the Quarterly Meeting of the Directors, which was fixed to take place on Tuesday the 20th of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Meeting then separated.

By order,

Wm. Evans, Secretary,  
L. C. A. S.

Montreal, April 14th, 1851.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Directors of the Lower Canada Agricultural Society, took place at their Rooms in this City on Tuesday the 20th of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Gentlemen present—the President of the Society, Alfred Pinsoneault, the Hon. G. R. S. De Beaujeu, the Rev. M. Desaulniers, Major Campbell, P. E. Leclère, Alfred Turgeon, H. L. Langevin, J. G. Guilbault, J. Vincent, F. Armond, M. Valois and Wm. Evans, Esquires.

The President, Alfred Pinsoneault, Esq., being called to the Chair, the Secretary submitted a financial statement for the past year. Also 27 letters received in reply to the Circular Letters addressed by the Directors to gentlemen residing in Lower Canada, and to one gentleman in Upper Canada. The answers were from all parts of Lower Canada, including the

District of Gaspé, and containing very useful and interesting information.

The President, Mr. Pinsoneault, then delivered the following address:—

GENTLEMEN,—It is customary in most Agricultural Societies that the President, on retiring from office, should give a report of the different matters which have been presented to the notice of the society during his period of office. This narrative sometimes takes the form of a discourse, or lecture, in which an account is given of the proceedings of the society, the progress it has made, and the results which have been accomplished, the financial state of the society is then made known, and finally a few practical considerations on the advantages of agriculture put forth and commented upon.

I think, gentlemen, that we should introduce this practice among ourselves. Here, as elsewhere, the effect of it will be to give importance and add to the interest of our society; and without having the pretension of delivering a lecture, and still less a discourse, I think it right to begin by giving the example myself of a practice which I should wish in future to be followed by the president of our society. The lengthy report which I shall have presently to read will not allow of my entering greatly into detail, I will merely give a rapid sketch of the matters which have engaged the attention of the directors and myself during the year which has just elapsed.

By the letters received and the information obtained from various quarters, we remark, with pleasure, that the taste and desire for agricultural improvement is greatly on the increase among our farmers; this is an undoubted proof that prejudice is disappearing, and that we may soon hope to see that old routine of agriculture, to which unfortunately our "Habitans" have been so long wedded, undergo important alterations. It is a saying old as the hills, that to succeed needs but to will. What happy results may we not expect our farmers to obtain, when we see them exerting their best energies to the improvements of their lands. But as facts speak more forcibly than any demonstration, I shall mention a fact, which will not fail to surprise you. I have procured a statement of the amount of clover seed sold by the principal druggists of the city; and I must