

doubt who has witnessed the exhibitions of last and preceding years; exhibitions which I, as a Canadian, feel proud in alluding to. These exhibitions gave proof of what the soil of Canada is capable of producing, so also did they show the advancement made in every department of skilled labor; both together giving triumphant tokens that Canada is not wanting in heads to plan and hands to execute.

May the Association go on and prosper; and may the Government of the country throw around its efforts for good, the shield of its protection, so that in the end the great aim of the Agricultural Association may be accomplished, viz., the improvement of the farmer, and the advancement of Agriculture in all its branches, in Canada, to the highest state of perfection.

With sincere desires that every blessing may attend you and the other office-bearers of the Association,

I remain, Dear Sir, with much esteem,
Your ob't and oblig'd servant,

WILLIAM MATTHIE.

The reading of the above letter elicited a universal expression of sympathy towards the President, whose term of office it was determined should run its usual length. The Hon. Adam Fergusson, after paying a very high, but equally deserving compliment to the worthy and respected President, concluded by moving the following resolution, which was carried by acclamation:

Resolved—That it is with unfeigned regret, the Association of Canada West have received the resignation of their respected President, William Matthie, Esq.

Whilst the Association deeply regret the cause of this event, they desire to record their sincere sympathy, and to express their high obligation to Mr. Matthie, for the anxious and zealous manner in which he has discharged his official duties, and to thank him, in the name of the Agricultural, Commercial, and Manufacturing interests of Canada West, for the liberal, and munificent pecuniary aid which he has bestowed upon their furtherance and advancement. Their patron and friend may rest assured, that his name will be ever cherished, and borne in grateful remembrance, and that the judicious and anxious suggestions, contained in his letter of resignation, will be noted and kept carefully in view.

The Association further desire to convey to Mr. Matthie, an anxious hope that it may please God, ere long, to restore him to health, and enable him to resume the active discharge of his public and private duties.

The Secretary is hereby instructed to forward, at an early day, a certified copy of the above resolution, to Mr. Matthie.*

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved—That Mr. Sheriff Treadwell, the senior Vice-President, be President for the ensuing year.

Resolved—That David Christie, Esq., M. P., be 1st Vice-President.

Resolved—That William Niles, Esq., Warden of the County of Middlesex, be the 2nd Vice-President.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be given to R. L. Denison, Esq., and that he continue to act as Treasurer for the ensuing year; and that the Bank of Upper Canada continue the Bank of deposit.

Communications were read from the County Council of Middlesex and Elgin, and the Corporation of London, guaranteeing the munificent sum of £1,200, on condition that the next Exhibition be held in the town of London, that is, £500 for the town of London; and £200 from the County of Elgin. It is also purposed to raise a sum of £300 by private contributions. Whereupon it was

Resolved—That the next Exhibition be held at London, on Tuesday, September 26th, 1854, and three following days.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be given to the Mayor and Corporation of Hamilton, for their liberal contribution to the funds of the Exhibition.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be given to W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton, Chairman of the Local Committee, Mr. Alderman Ford, Secretary, and to the other gentlemen composing the same, for their zealous and valuable services.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be given to the Judges on the present occasion.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be communicated to Mr. Commissioner Widder, and the Canada Company, for the continuance of prize of £25 for the best 25 bushels of wheat, and for their liberal premiums for Flax and Hemp.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be given to the Warden and Council of the County of Wentworth for a grant of £100, and to the Agricultural Society of the County of Waterloo, for a grant of £25 towards the present Exhibition.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be presented to T. C. Street, Esq., M.P.P., for his second liberal Prize for the best Stallion adapted to the wants of this country.

Resolved—That the grateful acknowledgements of this Association be hereby expressed to the Ladies of Hamilton and elsewhere, for their valuable and attractive contributions to the present Exhibition.

Resolved—That the Directors of this Association have much pleasure in recording their best thanks to the Citizens of Hamilton, for the zealous and liberal manner in which they have sustained this Exhibition,—and for the generous hospitality which they have extended to visitors.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be given to Sir Allan McNab, W. H. Dixon, Esq., and H. McKinstry, Esq., the Proprietors of the beautiful and extensive grounds, for the present Show.

Resolved—That this Association has much pleasure in recording its grateful acknowledgements to the conductors of the Press, for the valuable aid they have rendered in giving publicity to its objects and proceedings.

* We are happy to learn that Mr. Matthie's health is much improved, and heartily wish him a speedy and thorough recovery.—[Ed. Ag.]