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struction of even temporary buildings very inequitable to the wants of the Association involved a very large annual outlay. The cost of this was however borne to a great extent by the localities where the exhibitions were held.

1858. The second Crystal Palace erected at Toronto. The local contributions for this object, about \$25,000, were received and expended by the Local Committee, but the accounts were merged in those of the Association and swell the amount largely. The receipts this year include a special grant from Government under the Act 19 Vic. cap. 47. The disbursements include the investment of the greater part of the balance at the disposal of the Board in Provincial Debentures.

1860. The third permanent exhibition building erected at Hamilton. The local contributions were paid to and expended by the Local Committee, and do not enter into the accounts of the Association. This being the year of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Canada, the Government made a special grant of \$10,000 in aid of the exhibition, with the view of making the display of the Agricultural productions and industry of the western part of the Province as general and useful as possible. The Board was led to suppose that a portion of this amount was intended to be applied to the increase of the prizes to be offered at the exhibition, with the view of causing a larger and better collection of animals and articles than usual to be entered in competition, and the Board did increase the prize list accordingly, to the amount of \$4000, but only \$1000 of the special grant has been received by the Association up to the present time, the remainder having been received and expended by the Hamilton Local Committee.

1861. The fourth Crystal Palace erected at London, under direction of the Local Committee, the accounts therefore are not

included in those of the Association. The Board however advanced the Local Committee the sum of \$3500 to enable it to meet the liabilities it had incurred, besides paying other heavy incidental expenses. The receipts this year include the proceeds of the sale of debentures, and the expenditure the payment of the accounts for part construction of the new Agricultural Hall erected by the Board. The receipt of the grant of \$800 to one of the societies this year was by some oversight at the Bank omitted in the Treasurer's account, and is included in the amount of the grants for 1862 instead.

1862. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent reserved by Government from grants to societies under section 9 of the Act, amounting to \$1135 75 was not received by the Board till 1863 and consequently is not included in the amount of grants for 1862. The exhibition this year held for the second time at the Crystal Palace, Toronto. The expenditure includes part of the cost of the additional buildings for the exhibition, the remainder being paid by the Local Committee. The expenditure also includes the payment of the accounts for the completion of the Agricultural Hall.

1863. The exhibition held for the third time at the Kingston Crystal Palace. The amount received from Government was \$56,721 58, including the $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent reserved both from the grants of 1862 and 1863, also the \$800 omitted in 1862. The amount paid to Agricultural Societies was \$43,490 62. The accounts for this year are not yet fully made up. I therefore do not include these items in the statement. The statement exhibits the correct state of the account to the end of the year 1862. The details of the receipt and expenditure for each of the late years of the Association, it may be proper to state here, are given with considerable fullness in the published Transactions of the Board.