

Whereas from complaints very generally made by Agriculturists in several parts of Lower-Canada of the difficulty of finding emigrant labour, although the attention of the Minister of Agriculture must have been called to the fact in the answers issued for several years to his circulars to different public bodies in Lower-Canada requiring the number of Mechanic servants who could find employment, it is clear that some alterations are necessary in the instructions to the emigrant Agents in Quebec and Montreal. The more so as emigrants appear to have prejudices against Lower Canada before their departure from Europe. Many well authenticated instances are known where emigrants having accepted engagements, have refused to fulfil them on learning they were in Lower-Canada, and have afterwards been forwarded to distant parts at the expense of the Province.

The Board therefore suggests that Emigrants arriving at Quebec or Montreal should not be forwarded to distant parts at the expense of the Province, while there are applications for their labour in the immediate vicinity.

That the President be instructed to communicate this resolution to the Minister of Agriculture.—Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Watts.

The consideration of the question of making rules for the meeting of the Board as well as the discussion of its difficulties, and its financial position, are postponed to the second Wednesday in February next, when a full attendance of all the Members of the Board is earnestly requested.—Unanimously Agreed.

Ed. J. D.

Vice-President.

160. Proposed by Mr. Ossaye.

That the Board of Agriculture considering all the importance of having a special building for the Provincial Exhibitions in the Cities of Montreal and Quebec, appoint a Committee to take the necessary measures to ensure the erection of these two buildings, and to consist for Montreal of :

Messrs J. Yule, Major Campbell, Professor Dawson, and Mr. Ossaye.

And for Quebec of :

Messrs E. J. DeBlois, Rev. M. Langevin, J. C. Taché and Rev. M. Pilote, with power to add to their number.—Carried.

The Board adjourned to the second Wednesday of February next,

By order,

The Secretary

J. PERRAULT.