

and to furnish an example of the trouble occasioned to the Board by the very injudicious practice which prevailed in former times, of allowing a large accumulation of arrears by those indebted to the Institution. Indeed, it would be scarcely possible to estimate the amount of additional trouble which the Board have encountered through this means.

The Superintendent of Grounds having intimated to the Board that the lodges and gates at Queen Street very much required repair, the Board had them inspected, and after due enquiry, employed Mr. John Ritchey to execute the necessary repairs. This involved an outlay of £94 2s. 6d. The shingling, the eave-troughs, verandah posts, and other portions had to be entirely renewed.

The notice of the Board was also directed by the Superintendent of Grounds to the unsightly appearance of that portion of the University Park not leased to the Board of Agriculture, and the possibility of not only making it more seemly by a moderate outlay, but by laying it down with proper grasses, making it sufficiently productive to return the outlay in the course of four or five years. The Board accordingly authorized the expenditure of £200 for the improvement of the Park, and it is now in such a state that, if desired, it may be prepared for the reception of a crop in spring, unless, what is very probable, it may be deemed advisable to give it another season's summer fallow, and not put any grain in it till the fall.

When the Board commenced the sale of the lands of the University they felt themselves very much at a loss, in consequence of the want of recent information regarding the state of the different lots. One inspection had been made in 1828, soon after the date of the Pateñt conveying the Endowment. Another inspection had been made in 1840. So many changes in the aspect of the country had occurred since these times that the Board felt strongly the insufficiency of reports so old in date to guide them; and as the inspection of each lot as applied for not only involved an enormous and unnecessary aggregate expense, but created in many cases great delay and trouble, they resolved, early in the season, to employ a party to visit the lands, commencing