

All our talk has been of magnesium as a source of light, but surely it will be found capable of other applications. It is, perhaps, the most abundant metal in nature. It rolls in the sea, and forms vast tracts of land. If, as some say, everything in creation bears reference to man and was designed for his use, what a future there is for magnesium! Sir Humphry Davy was the first to give the hint of its existence, nearly sixty years ago: it is time that Birmingham converted that hint to practical purpose.

## Transactions of Societies.

### AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

#### The Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Association, the Annual Meeting was held on the morning of Friday, September 22nd, in the large committee-room on the Exhibition grounds, at London.

The officers of the Association, J. C. Rykert, President (in the chair); W. J. McGillivray, 1st Vice-President; J. P. Wheler, 2nd Vice-President; R. L. Denison, Treasurer; Hugh C. Thomson, (Secretary of the Board of Agriculture) and W. Edwards (Secretary of the Board of Arts and Manufactures), joint Secretaries.

In addition to the delegates from the various Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, and Board of Arts and Manufactures for U. C., there were also present the following members of the Council of the Association:

*Board of Agriculture.*—Hon. D. Christie, President; W. Ferguson, M.P.P., Vice-President; R. L. Denison, Treasurer; Hon. G. Alexander, Professor Buckland, Dr. Richmond, Hon. A. A. Burnham and F. W. Stone.

*Board of Arts and Manufactures.*—Dr. Beatty, President.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

It was then moved by Dr. Barker, seconded by Mr. A. K. Scholfield, That N. J. McGillivray, Esq., of Glengary, 1st Vice-President, be President of the Association for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. John Shier, seconded by Mr. Arch. Barker, That John P. Wheler, Esq., of East York, 2nd Vice-President, be 1st Vice-President for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Barker, seconded by Mr. John Shier, That Hon. John Carling, of London, be 2nd Vice-President.

Hon. Mr. Carling, being present, begged leave

to decline the nomination, as his business engagements would render it impossible for him to discharge the duties of the office. The motion was accordingly withdrawn.

Moved by Mr. Geo. Murton, seconded by Mr. James Scarff, That Thomas Stock, Esq., of North Wentworth, be 2nd Vice-President.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Barker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Grey, That Mr. R. L. Denison be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Carling, seconded by Mr. James Johnson, That the next Exhibition of this Association be held at the City of Toronto. .

Mr. Denison begged leave to enquire what propositions the representatives of the City of Toronto were prepared to submit to the meeting in regard to the preparations for the exhibition.

Mr. Metcalf, Mayor of the City of Toronto, and other delegates from that corporation, being present, were invited to give information on this subject to the meeting. The Mayor then submitted a document guaranteeing "to provide all the necessary accommodation that may be required to enable the Provincial Agricultural Association to hold its exhibition."

The motion was then put from the chair and carried.

Moved by Mr. R. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. A. R. Scholfield, That the old system of selecting Judges by the Board of Agriculture be continued in future.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. R. W. Sawtell, That the different County Agricultural Societies be requested to name three persons from each Society, and to send those persons names and the classes in which they are competent to act as Judges, to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, to enable the Board to make such selection as they may think fit from the number.

The amendment was put from the chair, and lost and the original motion carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Barker, seconded by Mr. John Shier, That the delegates present at the Annual Meeting of the Association held this day in London, give it as their deliberate opinion and conviction, that in any amendment to the Agricultural Bill the delegates should have the right to give an open vote for the election of retiring members of the Board of Agriculture.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Thomas Stock, seconded by Mr. John Renton, That this meeting would recommend the passage of the Agricultural Bill, introduced by Mr. Cowan in the Session of Parliament for 1864.