

1. Moved by Mr. E. W. Thomson, and seconded by Mr. R. L. Denison,

That the very satisfactory report of the Kingston Executive Committee now read, be received and entered on the minutes of proceedings, and that the warmest thanks of the Association be given to that Committee, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they discharged the important duties entrusted to them at the last Exhibition.

2. Moved by Mr. W. McDougall, and seconded by Mr. J. Fitzgerald,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to Messrs. E. W. Thomson, R. L. Denison and George Dupont Wells, the Finance Committee appointed for settling the outstanding liabilities against the Association, for the valuable services which they have rendered.

3. Moved by Mr. R. L. Denison, and seconded by Mr. Jas. Fitzgerald,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committee appointed to draft the Bill now read for establishing a Board of Agriculture, and the better management of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada; and that the said Draft be approved, together with the Memorial accompanying it, and that fair copies of the same be made and submitted through the proper channels, to the several branches of the legislature.

It was also resolved, That E. W. Thomson, Esq., be requested to submit the said Bill and Petition to Her Majesty's Provincial Government, for the purpose of having the measure brought immediately before Parliament.

Mr. Fitzgerald, a member of this Association, having laid before the Meeting a scheme for colonization.

It was resolved, That this Meeting highly approve of the plan, and most cordially recommend it to the attention of the Government, considering it to be exceedingly comprehensive and a very efficient mode of settling the waste lands of the Crown; and when carried into effect in the way proposed, will prove highly beneficial to the country, by filling up the waste lands with a hardy and useful race of people, that will long remain faithful and loyal subjects of the British Crown.

The Directors then adjourned, to meet again at Niagara, on Tuesday, June the 4th, for the purpose of completing the Local Committee and making arrangements for the Exhibition in September next.

DRAFT OF AN ACT

To establish a Board of Agriculture, and to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS the improvement of Agriculture is an object of the first importance to the people of this Province, and whereas the establishment, by law, of a Board of Agriculture in Upper Canada, to collect and disseminate statistical and other useful information con-

cerning the agricultural interests and resources of the country, and the making provision for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in that part of the Province, would greatly promote such improvement, it is expedient to repeal the laws now in force in Upper Canada, relating to Agricultural Societies, and to consolidate such provisions thereof as may have been found effective, with the amendments which the establishment of the said Board will render necessary:—

Be it therefore enacted, &c., That the Act of the Legislature passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in Upper Canada," and such parts of the Act of the Legislature passed in the 10th and 11th years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada," as are inconsistent with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

I. *Be it enacted,* That a Board of Agriculture may be established in Upper Canada, to consist of ten members, of whom five shall be a quorum.

II. *And be it enacted,* That the Inspector-General of the Province, and the Professor of Agriculture in the University of Toronto, shall be *ex-officio* members of the said Board.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the Chairman of the said Board shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, from among the members of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly; and if appointed from the members of the latter body, he shall not, by accepting the said appointment, vacate his seat in Parliament; and the person so appointed shall also be a member of the Board of Registration and Statistics.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the other seven members of the Board shall be chosen as follows: the Directors of each County Agricultural Society in Upper Canada, organized according to the provisions of this Act shall, at their first regular meeting, next after the Annual Meeting of the Society, elect Seven persons residing in the vicinity of, or at convenient distances from the City of Toronto, to be members of the said Board of Agriculture, and their names shall be entered in the Journal of the Society; and the Secretary of the Society shall, within one week thereafter, transmit to the Provincial Secretary, a list of the said names, certified by the President of the Society, or in his absence, by one of the Vice Presidents, and also by the Secretary, to be a correct list of the names of the persons so elected to be members of the Board; and the Provincial Secretary shall, in the month of June next, after he shall have received six County lists, cause to be made a full list, to be called the "Board List," of all the names upon the several County lists, setting opposite each name the number of County lists on which the same shall be found, and placing those receiving a higher number of votes above those receiving a lower number of votes, and the seven persons who shall have received the greatest number of County votes, shall be members of the said Board of Agriculture; and if it shall be necessary, in order to fill up the Board, to choose between persons having an equality of votes, the Provincial Secretary shall make such choice, and shall immediately notify the several members of their election, and name the day for their first meeting. And the said Board list and County lists shall, after the election of the first Board, be transferred to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and together with all future lists shall at all times, during office hours, be open to inspection.