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We publish in our present number the Prize List of the Agricultural Association for Lower Canada, and the Rules and Regulations for the management of the Provincial Exhibition, which is to take place at Quebec in September.

The season is well chosen, agricultural operations, except fall ploughing, being then over and the navigation open.

It will be seen that the list of prizes is most extensive and universal, and compiled with the greatest care. It gives to every one who has any thing to offer worthy of it the post of honour.

From the multitude of prizes, the Judges will certainly have a most laborious office.

Those labours will be increased when the Prize List of the Industrial Exhibition is announced, and though last not least, that of Poultry and Horticulture.

We commend the Rules and Programme to the attentive consideration of our readers. On the exactness with which these are acted on much of the success of the Exhibition will depend.

ROOMS OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Montreal, Tuesday, May 9th, 1854.

At a Meeting of the Board held this day, the following gentlemen were present MAJOR T. E. CAMPBELL, ALFRED PINSONNEAULT, JOHN DODS, R. N. WATTS, E. J. DEBLOIS and JAMES THOMSON, Esquires, and JAMES GIBB, Esq., of Quebec. President of the Agricultural Association of Lower Canada.

Major Campbell having been requested to take the Chair, explained to the Board that in consequence of the receipt of a Telegraphic message from the Minister of Agriculture, stating that the Members, Messrs. Pinsonneault, Tache, Dumoulin and Thomson, who retired by lot, had been re-elected,—he had taken upon himself to call a meeting of the Board, in order that no more time should be lost in making arrangements for holding the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec.

A letter from Mr. Dumoulin, was read stating that it was not in his power to attend, as his professional duties required his presence at Three Rivers.

The Board proceeded to elect a President and Vice-President, when Major Campbell and Alfred Pinsonneault, Esq., were re-elected.

The Annual Report of the Board of Agriculture, with the statement of Funds for the past year, was laid on the table by the Secretary. Also the following documents:

1st. Annual Reports from the County and Sectional Agricultural Societies for the past year.—51 in number.

2nd. A letter from the Minister of Agriculture, in reply to a communication from the President of the Board, with minutes of the proceedings of the Honble. Executive Council signifying the willingness of the Government to grant pecuniary aid to have the raw produce of Canada efficiently represented in the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, near London, provided the Agricultural Societies would co-operate in collecting suitable specimens of such products.

3rd. A Circular from the President of the Board addressed to the Presidents of Agricultural Societies, and others, in relation to the foregoing subject.

4th. A letter from the Town-Clerk of the City of Quebec, in reply to a communication from the Secretary of the Board, stating that the Corporation had granted £300 towards the expenses of the Exhibition to be held at Quebec in September next.

5th. A letter from the Secretary of the County of Quebec Agricultural Society, stating that the Directors had agreed to merge their Funds for this year into the General Fund for the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec, on the conditions proposed.

6th. Several Petitions from sections of counties to be allowed to organize Agricultural Societies—the consideration of which was fixed for the next day.

7th. A list of the Life Members of the late Lower Canada Agricultural Society.

It was unanimously Resolved, that the Life Members of the late Lower Canada Agricultural Society be Life Members of the Agricultural Association for Lower Canada, and the Secretary was instructed to write to these gentlemen and apprise them of this Resolution.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as a Local Committee for the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec:—

- Hon. J. Belleau.
- Dr. James Douglas.
- Joseph Cauchon, M.P.P.
- J. W. Dunsomb.
- Joseph Legaré.
- Angus Macdonald.
- G. H. Simard.