

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Appointed to ensure a fitting representation of the industry and resources of Canada at the World's Exhibition to be held in Paris in the year 1855, have the honor to report :

That the success of the present effort to procure a creditable exhibition of Canadian industry at the Paris Exhibition must depend, in a great degree, on the cordial and zealous co-operation of the public at large through the several Local Committees. It has been deemed absolutely necessary, in order to ensure unity of action as well as efficiency, that there should be a Central Executive Committee, the members of which, or at least a large majority of them, should be able to meet together. The Executive Committee will, however, be most anxious at all times to receive the counsel and advice of the Local Committees. It is recommended that such Local Committees be organised in the chief towns of each County in Lower and Upper Canada, and that they should consist of all members of either Branch of the Legislature, all Members of the Commission lately appointed by His Excellency the Governor General, all Wardens, Mayors and Reeves, the Professors of incorporated Colleges, the Presidents and Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, and Presidents of Mechanics' Institutes or other scientific bodies. The Committees should have power to add to their number, and it is hoped that in each locality, some one or more of the classes indicated will at once organize a Local Committee, the Secretary of which should put himself in communication with the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and give him all the information in his power as to the employment of the people in his locality. Where any special manufacture is carried on, it should be noticed, and accompanied with any propositions which may be made for its illustration. For reasons which will be explained elsewhere, it is proposed that at Montreal and Toronto there should be Central Local Committees, and as the duties of these Committees will be much more laborious and responsible, they should be organised in a different manner. It is proposed that until further arrangements can be made, the resident members of the Executive Committee should correspond with the Secretary, and that they should submit, with as little delay as possible, the names of such gentlemen as may be eligible for serving on the Central Committee, bearing in mind that the most important qualifications, are the ability to be useful, active and energetic co-operation, and disconnection with parties likely to be exhibitors. Having provided for the organization of the Committees, the next subject for consideration is the mode to be