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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

A meeting of the Board was held in their rooms, in this City, on Wednesday April 29th. E. W. Thomson, Esq., *President*, took the chair at 10 o'clock A.M. Members present—Hon. Adam Fergusson, Mr. Sheriff Ruttan, R. L. Denison, Esq., *Treasurer*, and Professor Buckland, *Secretary*.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read a letter from Wm. Matthie, Esq., of Brockville, President of the U. Canada Agricultural Association, intimating his fears that in consequence of urgent and unexpected business he would be prevented attending. A letter was also read from J. B. Marks, Esq., stating his inability to attend.

After some conversation of a preliminary character, it was agreed to take up first the revision of the Premium List and regulations of the Exhibition for the present year. The Secretary read several communications containing suggestions and recommendations in reference to that subject, from the President of the Association, Messrs. John Wade of Port Hope, Daniel Tye of Wilmot, and others. A letter was also read from Mr. Sheriff Treadwell, Vice-President of the Association. The consideration of these matters occupied the principal part of this day's sittings, and a number of modifications to the rules, and additions to the Prize List were made. The particulars will appear with the revised list, in the June number of the *Agriculturist*.

A number of resolutions and regulations relating to mere details were adopted and entered on the minutes of proceedings. The following only are deemed of sufficient public importance to be published in this place:—

Resolved.—That all blood Horses and thoroughbred Cattle intended for competition at the next Annual Show be entered by the Secretary in Toronto not later than Saturday, September 24th, and that their full pedigrees be sent in at the same time, for the purpose of examination. No animals shall be allowed to compete as *pure bred*, unless they possess regular

Stud and Herd Book pedigrees, or satisfactory evidence produced that they are directly descended from such Stock.

Resolved.—That Professor Croft, Mr. James Fleming, and the Secretary, be a Committee for revising the Prizes in the Horticultural department.

Resolved.—That the Secretary be instructed to make enquiries from England or the United States with reference to the price and economical results of the most approved Machines for making draining tiles and pipes, and to publish the information, thus acquired, in the *Agriculturist*.

Resolved.—That the thanks of the Board be communicated to His Excellency the Governor General, for his donation of £20, to the funds of the Upper Canada Agricultural Association.

Resolved.—That the said sum of £20, given by His Excellency, be awarded to any person in Upper Canada who shall be the first to introduce and put into working operation, to the satisfaction of the Board, a pipe and drain tile Machine, of the best construction; and that the Association give a Prize of £10, for a second Machine, so constructed and put in operation.

John Harland, Esq., having stated that he was entrusted with the sum of £25, being a grant from the Municipal Council of the county of Wellington to the funds of the Provincial Agricultural Association; it was

Resolved.—That the thanks of the Board be given to the County Council of Wellington for their liberal donation.

At this stage of the proceedings the Secretary read a telegraphic dispatch stating that the President of the Association, Wm. Matthie, Esq., had left Brockville to attend the Board; also a letter just received by post from that gentleman, enumerating several Prizes to the amount of £50, which he was desirous of giving at the next Exhibition, if approved of by the Board.—Whereupon it was

Resolved.—That the warmest thanks of the Board be given to Wm. Matthie, Esq., President of the Upper Canada Agricultural Association, for his munificent contribution; and that the Prizes proposed by him be adopted, and inserted in the forthcoming Premium List under a distinct heading of "THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZES."