

instead of "*L'Agriculteur*," and *The Farmers' Journal*."

Mr. Perrault does not vote on this motion.

Resolved: That the Secretary of this Board be directed to write to the secretaries of the agricultural societies of Lower Canada and inform them that the publication of "*L'Agriculteur*," and "*The Farmers' Journal*" is no more made by order of this Board, and that they will publish "*La Revue Agricole*" and the *Lower Canada Agriculturist*," as their official organ, and that the Secretaries of the societies be requested to give public notice of this fact in the limits of their societies; also to request every secretary to send to this Board the names of twenty subscribers, at one dollar each, to the said Journal, explaining that the Society will have no more to pay for their advertisements which they are bound by law to publish in the official journal of this Board.

The County of Champlain Agricultural Society ask permission to apply their funds this year to the purchase of stock of improved breed. This demand is granted, but this Board will require that this society report the results of such an application of their funds.

The Board takes in consideration the complaint against the proceedings of the County of Chateauguy Agricultural Society, at their meeting of 17th January last, for their reorganization in 1861. This complaint is based on the following facts: The President of the Society, although present, did not preside at the meeting, but it was presided at by another person. The hour of the meeting was not mentioned in the notices. Many persons, not members of the Society, were present. The President refused to take by writing the names of the voters, and notwithstanding the remonstrances, declared that the majority was to elect such persons as the officers of the Society. The President knew not who were the members of the Society. The

officers of the Society requested in April to give their answers to these complaints, replied in July, and have been heard at the present meeting. The facts were admitted after discussion.

Mr. President submitted the following question to the meeting:

"Is the reorganization of this Society conform to the law?"

Yea.—Captain Rhodes.

Nays.—The other gentlemen present.

The complainants asked the permission to organize a second society in that county, the limits of which will be the Parishes of Ste. Martine, Chateauguy, Ste. Philomène, and St. Urbain. The Board cannot grant this demand.

UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION AT LONDON IN 1862.

Resolved: That the President, MM. Major Campbell and Ossage be authorized to meet the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, that of Upper Canada, the Board of Agriculture for Upper Canada, and the Committees appointed by these Boards, to prepare a petition to the Government, asking an aid to exhibit, in a convenient manner, the products of Canada at this Exhibition, and that the President be authorized to sign that petition.

On motion of Captain Rhodes it is resolved:

That a petition be presented to the three branches of the Legislature at the next session of Parliament, praying that the catching and killing of all birds be prevented during the months of March, April, June, and July, the prayer of these petitioners to be based upon the fact that birds are beneficial to agriculture, through the great numbers of insects they consume, many of which are highly injurious to the growth of crops.

Major Campbell voted against the adoption of this motion, because nobody kills the birds, and consequently that no law is wanted to this effect.

And the Board adjourned.

T. CHAGNON, *Secretary*.

TO OUR READERS.

We have to pray your forbearance with us until the next number is issued. In presenting you with the first of a new series of the *Agricultural Journal*, we are conscious of many imperfections and shortcomings which will have to be remedied and improved. It is our intention to do so, and with the assistance of agriculturists and the public, among whom the *Journal* is likely to circulate, we confidently anticipate being able to fulfil our task. We

have entered upon it with little experience, but a great deal of anxiety and good will. Our heart is in the cause; and it is our object to make the interests of agriculture, and all others, to the aid of which this journal is devoted, increase and prosper. That the official organ of the Board of Agriculture has not heretofore occupied the position it ought to hold, is painful for us to admit, but the fact is so, nevertheless. The money granted by the Province to carry on this work ought not to be foolishly expended; a journal that the Government