

dollars to "each Institute establishing and keeping in operation for three months a class of not less than six members, for the study of any of the subjects named in the programme, and submitting at least two members of such class as candidates at the final examination by the Board in May next;" and also offering in addition to the certificates, "silver medals to the most successful candidates, in the proportion of one to every five who shall pass such examinations." Your Committee trusts that Institutes intending to submit candidates for examination in May next will at once notify the Board of such their intention.

JOURNAL.

Your Committee have much pleasure in being able to report, that the first volume of the *Journal* of the Board has been completed, and that it has in all respects fulfilled their expectations, with the exception of correspondence from those engaged in the manufactures of the Province, and correspondence and support from the larger number of the Mechanics' Institutes, whose interests it is one of the principal objects of the *Journal* to advocate.

Arrangements have been made for publishing the second volume in an enlarged and improved form, each number to contain four pages more of Reading Matter, be supplied with a cover, and stitched and cut; these improvements your Committee believe will be very acceptable to its readers, and be the means of inducing a large increase to the Subscription list.

It is also intended to publish the *Journal* on the 15th of each Month, instead of the 1st, as being more convenient for the Publishers.

Your committee would respectfully invite the coöperation of such Institutes as have not yet taken any steps towards sustaining the *Journal*, either by obtaining Subscribers, or by forwarding information relating to their proceedings, for publication in its pages.

AMENDMENTS TO ACT.

The draft of Bill to amend that portion of the Act constituting this board, and the Management of the Provincial Exhibition, as adopted at the last Annual Meeting and submitted to the Legislature, was published in the April number of the *Journal*, and the result fully reported upon by your Committee at the July meeting of the Board, as per minutes published in the *Journal* for August.

At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Exhibition Association, held in London, in September last, it was Resolved—

"That the Board of Agriculture are hereby requested to give notice to the several Electoral Division Agricultural Societies to send up each one delegate to attend a meeting to be held in Toronto

the month preceding the meeting of the Legislature, for the purpose of agreeing upon, and recommending, such alterations as they may deem necessary in the Agricultural Statute, and that the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and the Horticultural Societies be invited to attend; and in order more fully to carry out the spirit of the foregoing resolution, a synopsis of the Bill introduced at the last meeting of the Legislature be published, and a copy thereof sent to each County and Electoral Division Society, in order that the delegates may have a thorough knowledge of the subject under discussion; and that the travelling expenses of such delegates be paid out of the general funds of the Association, and that the President of the Board of Agriculture be authorized to name the day, and place of meeting by circular."

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Board now discuss such amendments as they may deem it desirable to propose; and that the Members of the Board attend the meeting of delegates, which has been called for Thursday the 30th of January instant, at noon, at the Rooms of the Board of Agriculture, King street West, Toronto.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1862.

In answer to the urgent representations of the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, and the Boards of Agriculture, for Upper and Lower Canada, the Government appointed a Commission—of which the President of this Board is a member—for the purpose of obtaining a representation of this Province at the International Exhibition of 1862.

Your Committee have used every available means, by publishing the official announcements of the Commissioners, and appeals to Manufacturers and others through the pages of the *Journal*, and the issuing of 3000 extras, urging upon them to prepare and send in their contributions at the time and place named for their reception; and also by instructing their Agents, who have been and are now canvassing for the *Journal*, specially to canvas for specimens for the Exhibition, and to obtain, if possible, the formation of Committees for the same purpose, in the several localities they may visit.

ESSAY ON MANUFACTURES.

As the result of the offer of two Prizes by the Board, of \$150 and \$75 respectively, for the best two Essays on "The Manufactures which are best suited to the circumstances and capabilities of Upper Canada," but one production was sent in. The gentlemen who kindly consented to act as Judges thereon, reported that—"They do not find it such as, in their judgment, to warrant their awarding to it either of the Prizes offered, or recommending its publication as likely to subserve the ends, which they presume the Board of Arts and