

of plaster on the forage plants and all the leguminous crops with a large system of leaves ; therefore it will permit the employment of their funds in this way in the new counties, which are not yet alive to the importance of the resources of forage, and the astonishing effects of plaster; as well as in the poorer and more remote counties, where the farmer cannot easily procure seed and plaster to improve his culture : and in such cases, the county agricultural societies ought to render a detailed account of the distribution made in each instance, so as to prevent the chance of fraud or imposition. In the other counties, where the funds have been for some years employed in the distribution of the seeds of foraging plants, the results arrived at are so apparent as to justify a discontinuance of the employment of their endeavours.

Now that the pastures and meadows have been generally improved, the Board have resolved to direct the attention of the agricultural societies more particularly to the improvement of their stock,—at least to a careful selection of breeding stock. The introduction and establishment of Model Farms would seem to merit every encouragement.

Therefore the Agricultural Societies of Chicoutimi, Joliette and Charlevoix, No. 1, have alone authority to employ a part of their funds in the purchase of seeds of foraging plants and plaster for this year.

The Counties of Shefford and St. Maurice laid petitions before the Board, praying for a division in their Agricultural Societies ; but the question of distance, the only satisfactory proof at law, is by no means sufficient, in the opinion of the Board, to authorise a division in the one or the other County.

The Agricultural Society of the County of Misisquoi having had some difficulties in its last organisation in the 3rd week of January, the delegates sent to represent the two parties were heard, and the Board came to the following conclusion :—

That it could not enter on the question of the legality of the proceedings of the meeting held by the Agricultural Society of the County of Misisquoi : that it would not be justified in taking into consideration anything beyond the “prima facie” character of the documents duly attested, which had been transmitted to it. These documents consist of two Reports of Election, the first signed by the President, attests that there has been no election—based on the difficulty of votes. The second is the Report of an Election, signed by the Secretary alone, and consequently informal ; as all Reports of Election should be signed by the President and Secretary. The Board therefore holds the documents transmitted to be informal and insufficient, and consequently cannot recognise the existence of the Agricultural Society of Misi-quoi, for the year 1860,—seeing that it has not been organised on the 3rd week of January, conform to law.

The question of the approaching Provincial Exhibition was then taken up. The Board, after having taken into consideration the prospect for an Exhibition, to include the two Canadas, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince Royal, concurred unanimously in this great idea, and resolved to communicate by letter with the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, regretting that our Government, last session, had granted but one part of the petition presented