

months instead of eighteen with regard to the cattle.

Resolved,—That His Excellency the Governor General of this Province be invited to the Provincial Exhibition which is to be held in Sherbrooke in September next.

Resolved,—That it would be a great advantage to the farmers to have a museum and place where improved agricultural implements and sowing seeds were deposited, in the city of Montreal, under the control of the Board of Agriculture.

That a reading room ought to be kept, opened, and maintained in this place, by means of newspapers and periodicals exchanged with the "*Agriculturist*," published under the direction of this Board, and the entry to this reading room be given *gratis* to all the members of the Agricultural Societies.

That a room be prepared in that place to give public lectures at least four times a year.

That this Board in view of obtaining these advantages appropriates the sum of \$800 a year, from the 1st of September next, for the rent of a place suitable for such a museum and reading room for two successive years, and authorizes the President to fix the terms of the rent, and choose a locality in order to meet the views of the Board.

That the Board shall accept the proposition of Mr. J. Perrault to purchase at his own risk all the instruments, models, and seeds to be deposited in the museum, as also the exposition of said instruments, &c.; to furnish the newspapers and periodicals exchanged with the "*Agriculturist*" to the reading room, to keep the place heated, lighted, and have such convenient order and arrangement as required by the above four first articles.

That the Board shall have the right of fixing the condition at which these instruments will be sold to the different Agricultural Societies; also the conditions at which they will be exposed at the different exhibitions, care being taken that a sufficient reward be given to Mr. J. Perrault for his trouble.

The Board will run no risks as regards the guarantee of the instruments and seeds deposited in the museum, except as regards the payment of the rent of the locality itself, which shall be in its name as sole lessee.

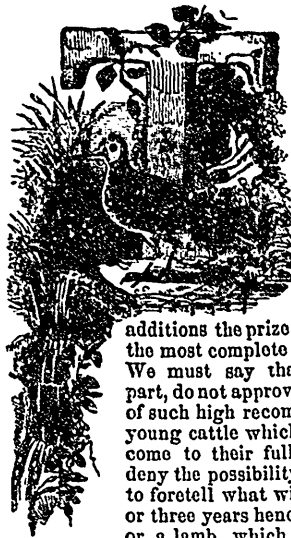
In case of the non-execution of this engagement on Mr. Perrault's part, the Board shall have the right to select another person in his place.

(By order,)

GEORGES LEOLRE,  
Secretary, B. A. L. C.

The report of the last meeting of the Board of Agriculture having been transmitted to our office late on the 4th, we can not be responsible for the delay which was thus brought in the publication of the *Lower Canada Agriculturist* for August. In future we will appear regularly on the first of each month, as heretofore, unless prevented to do so by unforeseen circumstances. Correspondents should address their manuscripts not later than the 20th, so as to insure their insertion;—the same for advertisements.

## THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.



THE Board of Agriculture at their last meeting have decided on a few additional prizes to be offered to competition at the next Provincial Exhibition at Sherbrooke, and with these

additions the prize list is certainly the most complete ever published. We must say that we, for our part, do not approve the awarding of such high recommendations to young cattle which have not yet come to their full growth. We deny the possibility for any judge to foretell what will be one, two or three years hence a colt, a calf or a lamb, which may now, out

of good keeping, appear very good samples of their breed, but which may turn out very inferior, through any number of circumstances every day arising in the farmer's life; and supposing this to be the case, what will be the immediate result of a full grown inferior animal having been awarded a first prize in its younger days? The proprietor, in a view of speculation will remind the public, in every shape and way, of the high distinction thus brought on his herd of cattle, and the Board of Agriculture will have the responsibility of having recommended stock now of inferior description, thus bringing its own influence to bear in direct opposition to its own views, and to the contemplated improvement of our indigenous breeds through a better selection. This is the result which we cannot approve of, and which has actuated the prize list committee when they came to the decision that only full grown animals should be allowed to compete in the different sections of the prize list, and we entirely concur with them on this point. The Board of Agriculture entertain the same views of the case and are not prepared to alter them. But knowing that the public are not generally prepared to accept of important sudden changes, however desirable they may be when their objects are better known, the Board at the special request of the Eastern Township Agricultural Societies, has readily agreed to additional *extra* prizes as represented by Mr. Felton, the well known member for Sherbrooke, who on this occasion, warmly advocated the interests of the farmers of his locality. Mr. Felton must have acknowledged, in the members of the Board, a very great desire to promote those interests, from the liberal way in which they accepted of all his propositions, leading to an additional expense of \$600, so as to secure a full attendance at Sherbrooke. The following are the additional *extra* prizes, and we would more particularly draw the attention of exhibitors to the *Prince of Wales* prize.