

The Secretary then submitted the following communications:—

From Wm. Ferguson, Esq., Kingston, stating his inability to attend the meeting of the Board, in consequence of County business requiring his presence at Kingston.

From James Keefer, Esq., Strathroy, Secretary of the West Middlesex Agricultural Society; James Wright, Esq., Guelph, Secretary of the South Wellington; Joseph Thomas, Esq., Barrie, Secretary of the North Simcoe; and E. A. McNaughton, Esq., Newcastle, Secretary of the West Durham Agricultural Society,—all submitting certain amendments desired by their respective Societies in the Agricultural Statute.

From Thos. Wilson, Esq., Kingston, Secretary of a Society claiming to be the legally constituted Electoral Division Society of the City of Kingston, dated January 26, 1861, detailing certain proceedings which had taken place at the Annual Meeting of that Society in January, and which had resulted in the organization of another Society, also claiming to be the legal Electoral Division Society.

From John Shaw, Esq., Kingston, Secretary of the other organization claiming to be the legally constituted Electoral Division Society of Kingston, dated January 26, 1861, giving the names of the officers and directors elected by the Society of which he is the Secretary.

From Mr. Wilson, dated Feb. 13, referring to the subject of his former communication.

From Thomas Briggs, Esq., Kingston, President of the first mentioned Society at Kingston, dated March 1st, referring to Mr. Wilson's communication, and requesting the decision of the Board as to which of the two organizations is the legally constituted Electoral Division Society.

From Mr. Wilson, Kingston, of March 11th, on the same subject.

From Mr. W. McBride, Secretary of the Local Committee for the Provincial Exhibition of 1861, at London, dated Feb. 2nd, submitting the names of certain persons to be added to the Local Committee,

From Thomas Powell, Secretary of London Township Agricultural Society, requesting to know if the contribution by that Society of its funds for the year in aid of the erection of the buildings for the Provincial Exhibition would entitle the members to be admitted as members of the Agricultural Association for the year.

From James Johnson, Esq., Chairman of the Local Committee, London, enquiring if the members of Local Societies would be admitted as members of the Association, on the Society paying over to the Association their subscriptions and government grant for the year.

[The Secretary stated that he had replied to both these letters in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Board in February, 1860.]

From R. T. Pennecfather, Esq., Secretary to the Governor General, acknowledging receipt of

the resolutions of the Board at last meeting, in regard to the application of the donation of £200 by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Association.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to consider the amendments necessary to the Agricultural Statute submitted their report.

The Board adjourned at half-past one for an hour.

The Board resumed at half-past two.

The Report of the Committee on the revision of the Act was taken into consideration, and adopted, with some amendments, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit the same to the Minister of Agriculture.

*Resolved*, That when the Board adjourns on this occasion it do stand adjourned until 4th April next at noon, at the Tecumseth House, London, and that the Secretary acquaint the Chairman of the Local Committee with this arrangement.

*Resolved*, That in respect to the communications from Kingston, this Board hereby instructs the Secretary to inform the parties that it does not under existing circumstances feel itself in a position to decide the matters at issue, at the same time recommending a friendly compromise therein.

The Board adjourned to 9 A.M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 14th, 1861.

The Board resumed at 9 A.M.

Present: The President, R. L. Denison, H. Ruttan, J. Barwick, D. Christie, Professor Buckland, Dr. Beatty, J. E. Pell.

The communication from Mr. McBride on the subject of the local committee was considered and concurred in.

The several communications on the subject of the Act were also discussed and disposed of.

Professor Buckland stated to the Board several interesting facts relative to agriculture and the management of Exhibitions that he had observed during his recent tour in Europe, and which will be communicated to our readers more in detail in future numbers of this Journal. He thought that the progress made of late years in Canada in agricultural pursuits would not compare unfavourably, when all circumstances are taken into consideration, with older and consequently more advanced countries. He considered that we are in the right track, and that our Provincial Exhibitions, though still susceptible of many improvements, are as creditable as they are beneficial to the country. In France and various parts of the United Kingdom, he met with many who evinced great interest in Canada and its future prosperity, and found several influential individuals connected with societies who will be happy to exchange with us specimens of agricultural productions, and implements; an arrangement he hoped the Board would be enabled to carry out as soon as they possess the requisite accommodation. He had two or three opportunities of a personal inter-