

will be obliged to defer for a year the holding of the next Agricultural Exhibition for Lower-Canada. Lost upon division.

Mr. Taché thereupon proposed the following amendment :

That this Board being unable to hold an exhibition for Lower-Canada this year, believe it to be their duty to offer to the Board of Arts and Manufactures their moral influence, and the assistance of their officers to aid in organizing the agricultural part of the special exhibition with which it would appear to be charged. Lost upon division.

Mr. De Blois moved in amendment that the Agricultural Exhibition should take place at Quebec in the month of August next, and that this Board offer their assistance to the Board of Arts and Manufactures in the agricultural part of the Exhibition, which is to be held at Montreal at a later period of the season, under their direction. Lost upon division.

Mr. Yule proposed in amendment and it is resolved,

That a committee to be composed of the President, Mr. Ossaye and the mover be named, to be deputed to consult with members of the Board of Arts and Manufactures as to what conditions they could unite for the holding of the Provincial Exhibition, and that this committee be instructed to report on the morrow.

The Board took in consideration a request from three parishes of the County of Napierville, requiring authority to organize a second agricultural society for the county. Distance and difficulty of communications are the sole reasons which can in any case, authorize the formation of two agricultural societies in the same county ; and the Board do not see that these reasons have been sufficiently established by the petitioners to justify the granting of their demand.

The Agricultural Society of the County of Berthier demanded authority to employ a portion of their funds in the purchase of a public granary, alleging the promise made to the subscribers of permission to employ thus a portion of their allocation of the government grant. The Board of Agriculture not only disapprove the engagement undertaken by the directors of the Society, but their only reply to that demand can be to protest against any such employment of their funds in future, and against their making this authority serve as a precedent.

The Agricultural Society of Three-Rivers demanded authority to employ their grant in the purchase of a stallion. The Board of Agriculture compliments the board of management on the initiative it has adopted on this occasion and shall require from the Society but a detailed report of its proceedings relative to the purchase.

A portion of the County of Huntingdon demanded the formation of a second agricultural society. That demand was founded on no better grounds than that of the County of Napierville, and was rejected for the like reasons.

The Agricultural Society of the County of Gaspé No. 4, not having been in conformity with the requirements of the law as regarded the mode of obtaining the grant of 1859, demanded that the subscriptions of last year should stand as the subscriptions of the present, in order that they might be entitled to receive their portion of the public grant. Taking into view the present state of communications between the County of Gaspé and Montreal, the Board of Agriculture see fit to grant that demand.

The Board then took into consideration the modifications to be adapted in the List of Prizes of the approaching exhibition, and named a committee composed of Messrs Campbell, Ossaye, Pomroy and Yule charged with that duty.

The Secretary of the Board of Agriculture was then authorized to meet with the Board of Arts regarding the cooperation of that Board in the Agricultural department of the Industrial exhibition at Montreal.