

in Hamilton, on the subject of a draining pipe Machine, for which a liberal prize had been published in the last Premium list. The Board was glad to hear that Mr. Charrock will have such a machine in operation, as soon as he can secure his patent.

In order to strengthen the bond of union between the Board and the various Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada, it was

Resolved,—That it is expedient to instruct Professor Buckland, to make, at such periods of the year when he is disengaged from his duties in University College, a tour among the Agricultural Societies of Upper Canada in such manner as the Board may direct.

The design of such tours is to bring the proceedings and objects of the Board, more especially under the notice of Societies and the public; to facilitate intercommunication; and generally to spread information upon Agricultural subjects by lectures, addresses, or such other mode as may suggest itself to the Secretary.

A communication had been received from the Patent Office at Washington, accompanied by two volumes of Reports, and generously offering to furnish the Board with specimens of native and foreign seeds, &c., on the condition that the overture be reciprocated. It was considered that such a proposal might be made highly advantageous to the Experimental Farm, and otherwise promote the Agricultural interests of the country generally: whereupon it was

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Board be communicated to Thos. Ewbank, Esq., of the United States Patent Office Department, for a copy of their report, and for their liberal offer in regard to seeds, plants, &c., which this Board gratefully accepts and will study to reciprocate.

In order to avoid the inconvenience of having more than one Prize report for the same county, it was

Resolved,—That the sum of £15 be given to the writer of the best Agricultural report, on each of the following counties; viz., CARLETON, WELLAND and PRINCE EDWARD; such reports to be sent in, addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, on, or before *June the First, 1854*. That in case the best report should be written by the Secretary of the County Society, with a view to encourage so useful and important an officer the prize shall be £20.

The Board is of opinion that it is highly desirable that these prizes be continued, till reports have been prepared and published, on all the settled counties of this section of the Province; and

that three or four counties should be selected for such purpose each year, till the whole be completed.

Mr. Matthie expressed a desire that the balance of £6 10s. remaining unappropriated in the hands of the Treasurer from his donation of £50, for extra prizes at the last exhibition, should be given to the Student in the Agricultural Class of University College, who may pass the best examination at the close of the course.

The President was instructed to communicate with the Minister of Agriculture, in order that final arrangements be made as speedily as possible, with regard to the Experimental farm.

After passing votes of thanks to G. P. Ridout Esq., M.P.P., for his services as one of the Auditors of the accounts, to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Baron de Longueuil the Board rose.

PREMIUMS FOR AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.

In order to obviate the difficulties incidental to the conditions on which these premiums have been previously offered, the Board have determined to announce each year the names of those counties for which reports are solicited.

A premium of the value of £15, will be given to the best Report, on each of the following counties:—Carleton, Welland, and Prince Edward. If such report be written by the Secretary of the County Society of which it treats, the amount of the premiums will be £20. This difference is made simply with a view to call out and encourage that useful and important class of officers.

These Reports, in addition to the usual information required respecting the condition of Agricultural Societies within their range, should describe the various soils of the county; modes of Farming; value of land; amount of tillage and average of crops; breeds of live stock; implements and machines in use; methods of preserving and applying manures; sketch of past progress, with suggestions for further improvement. The manufacturing and commercial condition and capabilities of the county should likewise be stated, together with any other facts that would illustrate its past history or present condition.