

15. *Resolved*, That 500 extra copies of the *Canadian Agriculturist* for the present month, containing Mr. Sheriff Treadwell's report on the Agricultural, social, and industrial condition of Canada, be taken for gratuitous distribution.

A communication from Mr. R Wade, Jr., Cobourg was read on the expediency of distinguishing the prize animals and articles at the Provincial Exhibition as soon as the prizes are declared:—a matter which the board agreed to consider and decide on, at its next meeting. Mr. Marks submitted a letter from the Middlesex Agriculture Society, intimating their intention of waving their claims to the Provincial Show till the completion of the railway, when London will expect the exhibition and be prepared to sustain it. This should have been noticed in connection with the proceedings of the annual meeting at Brockville, but was inadvertently omitted.

The Chairman and Secretary were authorised to make the necessary application and arrangements for procuring one of the vacant rooms in the Government Buildings for an office for the Secretary of the Board.

The Board adopted an arrangement with the Proprietor of the *Canadian Agriculturist* for the improvement and enlargement of that journal for the ensuing year, so as to include the transactions of the Board, and to keep down the charge for the paper to members of Agricultural Societies, to the present rate of half-a-dollar per annum; the entire editorial management to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board.

The Board after talking over several topics of importance, particularly those in reference to the proposed Experimental Farm on the University grounds, arrangements for the commencement of which will have to be decided on at the next meeting. It was

17. *Resolved*, That this Board adjourn to Tuesday, the 20th of April, 1852.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURING PROGRESS.

No. 1.

George Buckland, Esq., Secretary Provincial Agricultural Association.

MY DEAR SIR,—Allow me to call your attention to the following new branches of manufactures, specimens of which you had for the first time exhibited at Brockville, viz:—

W. A. Clark.—Sheep Skin Factory, at Toronto; Letter Herewith.

H. H. Date, Edge Tool Factory, at Galt; statement herewith.

Railroad Spikes, manufactured in Montreal.

Patent Waggon Boxes and Cast Iron Pumps, manufactured at the Brockville Foundry, by R. Colton.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,
J. LEWIS MACDONALD.

Gananoque, Oct. 1851.

No. 2.

Toronto, Sept. 27, 1851.

J. L. Macdonald, Esq., Gananoque.

DEAR SIR,—Agreeable to your request, I herewith give you, (for the benefit of the Provincial Agricultural Association,) a statement of the capacity of, and the business done, by the Toronto Sheepskin Factory.

It was completed Nov 1, 1850, since which time it has been in active operation, and is now dressing an average of eighteen hundred skins per week; and gives employment to about 25 hands.

The manufactured articles, such as Shoe Linings, Bindings, Book-Bindings, Coach Linings, and Trunk Skins, have thus far found a market in the various towns in Canada. The wool, of which there has been pulled about 140,000 lbs., all went to New England for a market until the 1st of May last; since then the increase of machinery has made a steady home market for all suitable for clothing purposes, and none has been shipped from this establishment for a foreign market, except the long worsted wool.

While on the subject of wool, allow me to make a suggestion. I think a great injustice is done to our agricultural interest, by our commercial regulations with the United States. While wool coming into this country pays 2½ per cent duty, all wool grown in this country and exported to the United States pays 30 per cent duty there. Now as we want some of their fine clothing wool, and they want our combing or worsted wool, would it not be well for the Provincial Agricultural Association to make an effort to bring about something like reciprocity in this article particularly?

Please accept my thanks for the interest you have taken in my manufacturing establishment, and with my best wishes for your health and prosperity, I am, Sir,

Yours, Respectfully,
W. A. CLARK.

H. H. Date, Manufacturer of Edge Tools, Factory in Galt—Water Power.

Articles manufactured at the present time are,

- 1st. Chopping Axes.
- 2nd. Broad Axes.
- 3rd. Hand Axes.
- 4th. Hunter's Hatchets.
- 5th. Adzes.
- 6th. Chisels (carpenter's edge tools.)
- 7th. Cast Steel Augurs.
- 8th. Tin Smiths' Shears.
- 9th. Coopers' Edge Tools.

The future operations of the factory will comprise, in addition to the before mentioned articles, Forks, Hoes, Spades, Shovels, &c. Planes of all kinds.