

We have not space to comment fully upon the bearing and effect of the proposed "amendments." It might be sufficient to say that nothing has occurred in this part of the Province to warrant them. If the Bill were confined to Lower Canada, and the friends of Agriculture there are satisfied with it, we could not object; but we protest against any tinkering of the Agricultural Act, so far as Upper Canada is concerned, without at least an expression of opinion, a petition, or a hint, from some Society, Board, or Association of Upper Canada. The chief imperfections in the present Act, are the very "amendments" introduced by parties who had not studied the measure, while it was passing through the Legislature. We are not therefore much in favor of hasty or ill-considered attempts to *amend* a system, until it is proved faulty, and until those who are interested in, or well acquainted with its practical operation, approve of the proposed remedy.

We may mention that one of Mr. Felton's "amendments" is, to place the election of the members of the Board of Agriculture in the hands of the President and Vice-president (he does not seem to know that there are *two* Vice-presidents) of each County Society, or two deputies in their stead. At present the County Society at its annual meeting is authorized to make the election. Why the constituency of the Board should be thus narrowed, and its influence and status correspondingly lowered, we cannot learn. Another "amendment" is, to compel the election to be made on the last day of the annual meeting of the Provincial Association. The experience of several years has clearly proved in Upper Canada, that the occasion of the Exhibition is the worst possible time to transact any business apart from the show itself. Another amendment is, to make the Board (and not the Directors of the Association as at present) appoint the place for holding the next show, &c. This duty was, for very good reasons, cast upon the Directors of the Association, who are composed of representatives from each County Society, including the members of the Board. Jealousy and ill-will are thus, in a great measure, prevented. All parts of the country are fairly represented, and

no one can complain of the decision. The Bill is loosely drawn, and will introduce doubt and confusion instead of improvement. We hope it will receive a "six months' hoist," or be limited in its operation to Lower Canada.

PARIS WORLD'S EXHIBITION OF 1855.

The Executive Committee of the Provincial Commission appointed to ensure a fitting representation of the industry and resources of Canada at the World's Exhibition to be held in Paris in the year 1855, have published a report recommending the course to be adopted throughout the Province. They propose that local committees should be formed in the chief towns of each County in either section of the Province, to consist of all members of the commission lately appointed by Government, all members of both branches of the Legislature, all Wardens, Mayors and Reeves, Professors of Colleges, Presidents and Secretaries of Agricultural Societies, and Presidents of Mechanics' Institutes and other scientific bodies. They also propose that Central Local Committees, to be organized in a different manner, shall be formed at Montreal and Toronto respectively, whose duty it shall be, in connection with the Local Committees, and the Executive Committee, to take active measures to ensure the best possible representation. Appended to the report is the proposed classification under which articles shall be forwarded. The classification adopted is the same as at the London Exhibition in 1851. The following is the conclusion of the Executive Committee's Report:—

To assist the public as much as possible in the meantime, the Committee propose appending to this report a concise table shewing the classification adopted at the London Exhibition, and the awards of the Council Medals, also the names of Canadians who obtained Medals or "Honorable Mention." A more detailed list may be given hereafter, but the Committee are anxious that as little delay as possible should take place in developing their scheme to the public.

The Committee being of opinion that voluntary effort is not to be relied on, have obtained the sanction of the Commissioners to the principle of paying for all articles sent to the Paris Exhibition, but at the same time they propose that the contributors should receive all prizes or honors which may be awarded to the articles sent by