

of receiving the local members of the Local Committee, and to hold a meeting of the said Committee.

The Council resumed at 2 30 p m

Present: Messrs Denison, Alexander, Burnham, Stone, Professor Buckland, Hon. D. Christie, Dr. Beatty.

Moved by Hon. D. Christie, seconded by Hon. G. Alexander, and

*Resolved*,—That the Local Committee of the City of Toronto be called upon to report to this Board by the 1st of August the state of their preparations for the coming Show, and at the same time to state what quantity if any of the work still remains to be done, and if they have any means at their disposal to do such work.

Moved by the Hon. Mr Alexander, seconded by Dr Beatty, and

*Resolved*,—That the members of this Board having inspected the cattle sheds erected by the Local Committee are of opinion that they have been placed too low for the preservation of the building and comfort of the stock, and should be raised, if possible, before the Exhibition.

Moved by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Alexander,—That after receiving from the Local Committee the report called for by Mr. Christie's Resolution, a committee of this council be appointed to provide for and erect in a temporary and cheap manner any other accommodation required, and that such committee be composed of the President of the Association, the President and Vice-President of the Board of Agriculture, and Professor Buckland.

*Resolved*,—That the following gentlemen be appointed a delegation to attend the New York State Show for the current year, viz: Messrs. Christie, Burnham, Stone, Denison.

The Council then adjourned.

### The Royal Agricultural Societies' Show in London.

The recent Exhibition of the English Society appears to have been very successful, although in point of visitors it scarcely came up to a few previous years, when the Show was held in the centre of some of the immense populations of the northern counties. The Highland Society suspended its usual exhibition, and large numbers of Scottish Live Stock added much to the interest of the imposing and instructive scene. There was also a considerable number of Foreign cattle, from the different countries of Europe,—We subjoin the following general description of the Show from the London *Agricultural Gazette*.

The first continuous week of fine weather of which the present season can boast has fallen to the lot of the Royal Agricultural Society, and

thus its meeting, which cannot fail of being successful, has been agreeable as well as useful. The earlier days of the show were indeed attended but by very few. A smaller number were present on Monday and on the following day than have attended on the opening days of any of the recent meetings of the Society, but that has no doubt been owing to the knowledge of the usual attendants at these meetings that the yard was to remain open for so much longer than usual, while the unaccustomed "million" beside whom the Society has this year taken up its temporary abode, are probably waiting for the shilling days of the following week; and the Society benefits indirectly if not directly from the comparatively vacant first days of its show by the longer opportunity thus given of making the existence of the Exhibition known among those who are to throng its yards on Monday.

The yards have never before been so attractive. The Implement Catalogue fills 400 pages and describes 5000 agricultural machines; the Catalogue of the Live Stock show fills 150 pages, and enumerates upwards of 2000 animals. There are 250 Short-horns, 100 Herefords, about 70 Devons, 30 Sussex cattle, 14 Long-horns, 21 Norfolks, 11 Welsh, and 9 Irish cattle, 33 from the Channel Islands, 48 of the polled breeds of Scotland, 27 Kyloes, and 70 Ayrshires—a noble show of British breeds. The Horse classes include 260 animals. 73 lots of Leicesters, a score of Lincolns, 92 lots of Cotswolds, 50 Kentish and other Long-woolled sheep, 69 lots of South-downs, as many Shropshires, about half as many West County Downs, 60 lots of Oxfordshire Downs, 13 lots of Dorset sheep, and about 100 lots of Blackfaced Cheviot and other mountain breeds, make up the show of sheep. There are 200 lots of Pigs exhibited, and there are nearly 200 foreign cattle of various kinds.

Whether as a whole, or taken in detail, the Show is altogether unrivalled. Our own leading breeds have never been better illustrated; those of more local interest have never before been anything like so well represented at any English meeting. And to these we have at Battersea to add all the additional interest of many foreign kinds. The scientific man has here a more striking illustration than has ever before been seen at once of the influence of circumstances upon the form and character and habits of an originally common stock—the practical man has here a larger variety and scope from which to choose the live stock best suited to his own particular circumstances—the spectator has a more picturesque variety, a greater quantity and a larger field. In particular the foreign breeds and their attendants are a most interesting addition to the ordinary attractions of the show yard. We have the Dutch cow, breed, black and white, and large and compact, yielding abundance of good milk; and a large Swiss dairy breed, also black and white.