

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Directors of this Society was held in the Court-House at Brockville on the 19th ultimo, for the purpose of forming the Local Committee and for making the necessary preliminary preparations for the next Exhibition. Present, J. B. Marks, Esq., President; Wm. Matthie, Esq., Vice President; Henry Ruttan, Esq., Ex-President; R. L. Denison, Esq., Treasurer, and Mr. Buckland, Secretary. The office-bearers were met by a number of gentlemen belonging to the Town and neighborhood of Brockville, who evinced the warmest interest in promoting the objects of the Association.

The first business was the formation of the Local Committee, which consists of the following gentlemen:—

George Crawford, Chairman.

James Crawford, Treasurer.

D. Wylie, Secretary.

George Sherwood,
J. L. McDonald,
Charles E. Jones,
Robert Watson,
O. R. Gowan,
R. Coleman, jun'r.,

Henry Freeland,
Dr. Reynolds,
George Morton,
D. B. O. Ford,
H. D. Jessup.

Ex-Officio Members.

J. B. Marks, President.
T. C. Street, 1st Vice-President.
W. Matthie, 2nd Vice-President.
R. L. Denison, Treasurer.
G. Buckland, Secretary.
E. W. Thomson, ex-President.
H. Ruttan, ex-President.
Hon. A. Fergusson, ex-President.

The meeting then adjourned in order to inspect the ground around the town, so that the most favourable site might be obtained for the Exhibition. When the meeting resumed, it was moved by R. Watson, Esq., seconded by Dr. Reynolds, and

Resolved, That the time for holding the Provincial Exhibition be altered from the 17th, 18th, and 19th to the 24th, 25th, and 26th of September, and that the Secretary of the Provincial Association be requested to communicate the alteration to the Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, expressing at the same time our regret that that Society should have chosen to fix the same period for their Exhibition, as that previously decided upon by this Society; and that this resolution be submitted to the meeting of Directors to be held in Toronto in June, for their approval.

Moved by Dr. Reynolds, seconded by G. Sherwood, Esq., and

Resolved, That the site offered by C. E. Jones, Esq., on the elevated ground near the English church, be fixed upon for the Exhibition.

The Committee then examined last year's premium list, and suggested several alterations and additions for the approval of the Directors, who will meet for that and other purposes connected with the Association, on the 10th of June, in the City of Toronto. The premium list will be issued immediately after; in the mean time it will be satisfactory to the public to be assured, that the Directors have good reason to hope that they will be enabled to offer this year a larger amount in prizes than heretofore. To secure, however, this most desirable object the liberal aid of societies and individuals is indispensable; and most earnestly is it to be hoped that such aid will not be withheld. The Town and District of Brockville have handsomely contributed, as have also several societies, and such as have not yet made any grant are respectfully requested to do so without delay.

We have said that the Directors were received at Brockville in the most cordial manner, the mention of one proof out of several will be sufficient.

In the evening they were invited by the officers of the Johnstown Agricultural Society to a dinner at Wilson's Hotel, which was got up in excellent style; George Crawford, Esq., occupied the chair. Several toasts were given and responded to by Messrs. Marks, Ruttan, Matthie, Buckland, Sherwood, Jarvis, Jones, Denison, Gowan, Hough, Watson, Dr. Reynolds, &c. The evening was spent in the most agreeable manner; the objects of the Provincial Association were kept specially in view; and from this friendly and auspicious commencement, the most gratifying and satisfactory results may be confidently anticipated from our next annual gathering on one of the most interesting and picturesque spots to be found on the majestic St. Lawrence.

IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE.

During the session of the Legislature of New Jersey, we have sojourned at Trenton for the purpose of placing before the members such evidences as we could furnish, in favor of the appointment of a State Agriculturist. The Bill was presented in the Senate and lost by a tie vote, a majority of the whole number being required to pass a bill. The bill would undoubtedly have passed, if other appropriations of a more popular character, requiring large expenditures, had not