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MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday, June 8th. Members present: E. W. Thomson, Esq., Chairman; R. L. Denison, Esq., Treasurer; Honble. Adam Fergusson; Mr. Sheriff Ruttan; John Harland, Esq., and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the Secretary read letters from Wm. Matthe, Esq., President of the Provincial Association; David Christie, Esq., M.P.P., and J. B. Marks, Esq., expressing their inability to attend.

The Committee appointed for making the necessary preparations for the Experimental Farm, stated that a team and some implements had been purchased, and that the operations of plowing, grubbing, levelling, &c., had been commenced, and tenders for fencing, advertised.—The work will thenceforth be carried on with all convenient despatch.

Mr. Ruttan having been requested to prepare a plan for a dwelling-house to be erected on the farm, submitted one, which, after mature inspection and consideration, was approved: whereupon it was

Resolved,—That the Architect be instructed to furnish specifications of the house, in accordance with the plan now submitted and approved of; and that the necessary steps for the erection of the same be taken without delay.

The Secretary was instructed to apply to the County Council of Wentworth and Halton, for a grant to the funds of the Provincial Association, for the current year.

In the afternoon the Board met the Local Committee, most of the members of the latter being in attendance; W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor, presiding. Several matters relating to the arrangements for the next Exhibition were considered, and the reports of sub-committees received. Two localities in the immediate neighborhood of the city were afterwards examined with a view to their adoption as a site for the Show. It was unanimously agreed to accept the one lying between King and York street; the situation is high,

picturesque, and most convenient to the heart of the city and steamboat landing; the ground dry and undulating, and on the whole, exceedingly well suited for the purposes of the Show. About 25 acres are to be fenced in.

In the evening the Board again met and agreed to adjourn to Tuesday, June 21st, at 11 o'clock,—then to meet at their rooms in the city of Toronto.

ADJOURNED MEETING IN TORONTO.

TUESDAY, June 21st.

The Board again assembled this day at eleven o'clock. Members present: E. W. Thomson, Esq., Chairman; R. L. Denison, Esq., Treasurer; Hon. A. Fergusson; David Christie, Esquire, M.P.P.; Mr. Sheriff Ruttan; John Harland, Esq., and the Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting held at Hamilton having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read a letter from J. B. Marks, Esq., expressing his regret that in consequence of important country business he was unable to attend. The Minister of Agriculture was prevented attending, in consequence of official business at the Seat of Government.

Mr. Ruttan having laid before the Board the specification of the plans of a house for the farm, that were approved of at the last meeting, it was

Resolved,—That the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, be authorized to enter into contracts, and take all necessary steps for proceeding with the erection of the house and out-buildings, fencing, &c., on the Experimental Farm, with as little delay as possible; and that they consult such other members of the Board as may be conveniently accessible.

The Secretary read the following letter from Frederick Widder, Esquire, first Commissioner of the Canada Company:

CANADA COMPANY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, June 10th, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—The increased demand upon my time and attention which has taken place, will prevent me giving much of either to the introduction of the Flax Machine throughout the various townships of the Province. I am most desirous that it should be successful, and I therefore propose to present the machine to the Board of Agriculture, with the request that you do will all in your power to promote the project. I had in view in desiring the Canada Company to purchase and send me the most improved Scutching