

ted to the Board of Agriculture, Toronto.

I have to direct your attention to the owing copy of a resolution adopted at Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Association at London in September last:—*Resolved*,—That the Board of Agriculture are hereby requested to give notice to the several Electoral Division Agricultural Societies to send up each one delegate to attend a meeting to be held in Toronto one month preceding the meeting of the Legislature, for the purpose of agreeing on and recommending such alterations they may deem necessary in the Agricultural Statute, and that the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and delegates from Horticultural Societies, be invited to attend; and in order more fully to carry out the spirit of this resolution, a synopsis of the Bill introduced at the last meeting of the Legislature be published, and a copy of the same sent to each County and Electoral Division Society, in order that the delegates may have a thorough knowledge of the subject under discussion, and that the travelling expenses (i. e. the fare for rail or other mode of conveyance, strictly,) of each delegate be paid out of the general funds of the Association, and that the President of the Board of Agriculture be authorized to name the day and place of meeting by circular."

In accordance with the foregoing resolution I have to request that your Society appoint one delegate to attend a meeting at the Board of Agriculture office, 188 King Street West, Toronto, at noon on Friday, 30th January, inst., to take into consideration the above named matter. The chief points in which the Agricultural Bill before Parliament last session differs from the Act at present in force, or as relates to Agriculture, are the following:—

1st. A difference in the mode of electing members of the Board of Agriculture. Under the present Act each County annually votes for four persons as members of the Board, and the four persons who receive the highest number of votes from all the Societies in the Province are thus elected for a term of two years; the number of elective members in the whole Board being eight, four of whom retire in rotation each year.

Under the Bill of last Session, Upper

and Lower Canada would each be divided into twelve agricultural districts; in each District each County and Township Agricultural Society would be entitled to vote for one person to represent the District at the Board of Agriculture, and the person who should get the majority of votes of all the Societies in a District would become the member of the Board of Agriculture for that District for two years. The number of elective members of the whole Board in each Section of the Province would be twelve, six of whom would retire annually in rotation.

2nd. The Agricultural Association as existing under the present Act would be entirely abolished under the bill of last session. There would be no delegates appointed by the Agricultural Societies to represent their views at the Annual Meeting of the Association, to elect officers, and vote for the next place of holding the Exhibition. There would in fact be no Annual Meeting, no Association, and consequently no members of the Association. The appointment of the time and place of holding the Exhibitions, and the management of all the business connected with them, would rest entirely with the Board of Agriculture, under its new organization, as above mentioned, and with the Local Committees which it might appoint.

3rd. The degree of connection which exists under the present Act between the Board of Agriculture, and the Board of Arts and Manufactures, in the business of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and in the general management of the Exhibition, would be abolished under the proposed Act. Each of the Boards would be empowered to hold Exhibitions, and it would be optional with them to hold them jointly or otherwise, as they might deem proper.

4th. The County Societies in Upper Canada heretofore entitled to receive a public grant amounting to \$1000; would under the proposed Act be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

5th. Under the proposed Act, of the amount granted for the encouragement of Agriculture, ten per cent in Upper Canada would be placed at the disposal of and in the hands of the Board of Agriculture for the purpose indicated by law. It is not clear whether this ten per cent is to