

*Resolved*,—That in accordance with resolution at meeting of December 27th last, the Prince of Wales' prize be given this year for the best stallion for general purposes.

*Resolved*,—That three prizes be offered for Amateur Instrumental Bands of Music, of \$100, \$75, \$50, respectively, under the same rules as in 1860.

The Board then adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 11th, 1861.

The Board met this day pursuant to notice from the Secretary, at the Board Rooms, Toronto, at 11 a. m.

Present: Messrs. E. W. Thomson, President, R. L. Denison, A. A. Burnham, Hon. G. Alexander, J. Barwick, H. Ruttan, Professor Buckland, Dr. Beatty, J. E. Pell.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were submitted:—

From Mr. Shuball Park, Quebec, stating that he had invented and patented a horse-power subsoil drainage machine, capable of digging drains and laying in and covering the tiles in a very expeditious and economical manner, and desiring to know whether the Board would buy the right to build the machine.

From Mr. Hutton, Secretary of the Bureau of Agriculture, Quebec, in reference to the two different societies at Kingston, each claiming to be the legally constituted Electoral Division Society, stating that upon due consideration of the merits of their claim, the Bureau had fully recognized the Society for which Mr. Thos. Wilson is Secretary, as a regularly constituted Society, and requesting that the Board would grant to that Society the usual privileges granted to all regularly constituted societies.

From Mr. John Shaw, Secretary of one of the societies at Kingston, claiming to be the legally organized society, with this affidavit of amount of subscriptions for the current year, and also a detailed statement by the Directors of the society of the proceedings which had taken place, and which had resulted in the present separation of the society into two organizations.

From Mr. Thomas Wilson, Kingston, in reference to the claim of the Electoral Division Society, of which he is Secretary, to be recognized by the Board.

From Mr. Hugh McLean, Secretary of the Dalhousie Township Agricultural Society, stating that the North Lanark County Society had refused to acknowledge them as a Branch Society on the ground of an informality in the declaration of their organization.

From Mr. Edwin Taylor, Toronto, stating his desire, as the agent of Messrs. Howard, Implement Manufacturers, Bedford, England, to exhibit at the approaching Provincial Exhibition at London this autumn, one of Messrs. Howard's steam ploughs or cultivators, and de-

siring to know if the Board would afford certain facilities in aid of the project.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate to Mr. Park, that a premium had been offered by the Board in the prize list for the approaching exhibition for such an implement as that invented by him.

The Secretary was also instructed to write Mr. McLean stating the views of the Board referred to by him.

The prize list, in proof, was submitted by the Secretary, as drawn up in accordance with resolutions adopted at last meeting, and after consideration was approved and adopted.

The Committee on the prize list submitted further Report, recommending the following changes in the system of admission to the grounds, viz.: that members' tickets should be issued to exhibiting members up to Monday evening of the show week, which should admit them to the grounds during the exhibition, but no such tickets should be issued after Monday evening; on Tuesday and Wednesday the charge to be half a dollar each person, each time of entering through the gates, and on Thursday and Friday a quarter of a dollar; children half price each day; carriages, \$1; horsemen, 60c. each admission; necessary attendants to be furnished with tickets to admit them through the exhibitors' gate only, and to be examined each mission; also, certain other slight alterations in the rules, all of which report on consideration was adopted.

Mr. Taylor's letter was considered, and it was ordered that a prize of \$100 be inserted in the prize list for the best steam plough or cultivator in satisfactory operation on the ground, open for foreign competition.

The correspondence in reference to the Kingston Electoral Division Society was considered, and it was Resolved—That the decision of the Bureau of Agriculture, as communicated to the Board, shall be accepted as final.

Professor Buckland laid upon the table a silver cup and two silver medals, presented by Hon. Adam Fergusson, to be awarded as prizes for the best grade heifer, and the two best pairs of common fowls, and to be continued annually at each exhibition.

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Board be given to the Hon. Adam Fergusson for the best some prizes sent to be competed for at the Provincial Show to be held at the City of London the ensuing fall.

Professor Buckland submitted a correspondence with certain parties in Scotland in reference to the establishment of the nucleus of a veterinary school for Upper Canada, under the auspices of the Board, together with the names of parties to accept the appointment of veterinary practitioner, and the report of the special committee upon the same. It was then

*Resolved*,—That Mr. Andrew Smith, Veterinary Surgeon, of Ayrshire, Scotland, be appointed as Veterinary Surgeon to this Board, and