

MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Court-House, in this city, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st ultimo. After the disposal of some preliminary business, during which E. W. Thomson, Esq., occupied the chair, Thomas Clark Street, Esq., Second Vice-President, presided through the remainder of the day, and also the day following. Mr. Street evinced the greatest interest in the proceedings, and his active services will prove a great acquisition to the Society. The attendance on the first day was more numerous than usual, but the time of holding the meeting, however convenient in other respects, is not suited to persons residing at a distance. This matter was talked over, and it is probable the difficulty may hereafter be removed.

The absence of the President, John Wetenhall, Esq., M.P.P., who was unable to carry out his arrangements for attending this meeting, elicited an expression of general regret; particularly as he was known to have devoted much attention to some important matters relative to an improved system of managing the business and exhibitions of the Society. We also missed the presence of the Hon. Adam Fergusson, without whom no considerable agricultural meeting, affecting the interests of Canada, seems to be complete. Our readers will regret to hear that Mr. Fergusson's absence was occasioned by a recent attack of serious illness. We are happy, however, in being able to state that the hon. gentleman is now making satisfactory progress towards convalescence.

The President's bye-law, and that of J. B. Marks, Esquire, both of which appeared in this journal for October and December, 1849, were fully discussed. The reader will find the result in the by-law which we subjoin, and which is substantially that of Mr. Wetenhall's with a few additions and modifications principally from Mr. Marks's. It is to be hoped that these amendments will prove in their practical operation, to promote the efficiency of the Society's operations, and secure, beyond what has hitherto been realized, a uniform system of management.

A letter was read from J. B. Marks, Esquire, Chairman of the Executive Committee at Kingston, stating that in consequence of not having received the Government grant for the Midland District, the Committee was not able to close their accounts, and forward their report, as they had hoped to do before the annual meeting. We are glad, however, to learn that there is a prospect of a balance remaining in hand after all demands are paid, a circumstance as encouraging to the friends of the Association, as it is creditable to the management of the Executive Committee. And as we learn that the Government grant has now been paid, the Committee will soon be able to bring their labours to a close.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which will be found below. It will be observed, that by the liberal aid of Government, the Association, will shortly be placed in a condition free from debt.

It will be seen from the resolutions inserted be-

low, that the next exhibition will be held at the Town of Niagara; the inhabitants have promised £300 towards the local expenses. It was anticipated by some, and we confess ourselves to have been among the number, that the Falls would have been the favoured spot; but it was considered by a decided majority of the meeting that, taking all things into consideration, the ancient Town of Niagara offered the most convenient and accessible site. Visitors after seeing the exhibition may very readily proceed to the Falls, and witness one of the greatest natural phenomena in the world. The local Committee at Niagara, will doubtless make the best possible arrangements for the cheap and easy transit of stock and articles for exhibition, as well as for the accommodation of visitors.

The prize-list will appear in the *Agriculturist*, the beginning of April. Additional prizes will be given to Durham and Grade Cattle, also three premiums for heavy dray horses, as a distinct class. We deem it inexpedient to lose a moment in announcing a number of premiums offered in reference to the great Industrial Exhibition of all nations, to be held in England in 1851, under the patronage of Her Gracious Majesty and the Prince Consort.

For the best set of Drawing-room Furniture made of black walnut, diploma and £15; second best £10. The same for a set made of curled maple. Best specimen of Broadcloth, diploma and £5; 2nd. £3. Blankets the same. Tweed Cloth, diploma and £3; second £2. The above articles to be sent by the exhibitors to the show in England. For the best barrel of Flour £3; second £2. Second best 25 bushels of Wheat in Canada Company's Class £12 10s. The first prize being £25, given as usual by the Canada Company.—The Chief Commissioner has consented to allow the wheat obtaining this prize to be sent to England. Best Cheese £4; second £3; third £2.—The same for Butter, neatly packed in firkins, of not less than 56lbs. each. The four latter articles to remain the property of the Association, and to be sent home at the Society's expence.

It is most ardently to be desired that a vigorous and united effort be made at once, towards securing a full representation of the characteristic productions of this extensive colony, in the metropolis of the empire. Here will be a splendid opportunity for promoting the great interests of our country, in bringing under the notice of people from every civilized region of the world, her choicest productions both of nature and art—of showing loyalty to our beloved Sovereign and filial affection for our Fatherland; and of recognizing in the bonds of a common brotherhood the wide spread family of man.

BY-LAWS.

At a meeting of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada held at Toronto, the 20th day of February, A.D. 1850, pursuant to notice, as directed by the Act of Incorporation, the following By-Laws were passed and ordered to be appended to, and form part of, the Constitution of the said Association:

1. The Board of Directors (the presence of at least