

inhabitants have contrived to raise on the and window-sills of their squalid tenements. as, then, make the attempt on open, breezy, bions Aldershott, and see whether we can transform some of its boggy, sandy surface pleasant patches of flowers and vegetation. *See Service Gazette.*

Transactions.

Meetings of the Board of Agriculture.

Toronto, Sept. 3, 1861.

A Board met this day, pursuant to notice at their office, at noon.

Present.—Messrs. E. W. Thomson, President; Hon. D. Christie, A. A. Burnham, R. Denison, Hon. G. Alexander, Wm. Ferriero, Jno. Barwick, Professor Buckland, Dr. J. J. E. Pell.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Messrs. James Johnson, of London, chairman of the Local Exhibition Committee, and Mr. Carling, M.P.P., were present, and submitted a communication from that committee in reference to their financial position, enclosing a letter from the Mayor of the city of London, in which the mayor informed the committee that the council had endeavoured to purchase the East Middlesex Agricultural Society to convey to the city certain lands within the city limits, upon consideration of the city paying the amount necessary to complete the works for the exhibition, but the society had declined the proposition, and the council would not consent to advance the sum required upon any other terms. The communication from the local committee embodied the following resolution:—

Moved by W. Barker, seconded by J. J. E. Pell, and resolved.—That in consequence of the assurances given to the deputation of the association by the members of the Government and the members of the Board of Agriculture, in relation to the loan of \$3000 to the deputation applied for, this committee feels itself justified in ordering the deputation to proceed forthwith, and order it accordingly.

Mr. Carling also presented a communication from the Local Committee, recommending the acceptance of a proposition of certain land in London to light the exhibition building with gas, on condition that they should have the use of the building on three days during the week of the exhibition.

Mr. Sheard, architect, was in attendance, and submitted the plans of the building proposed to be erected by the Board for offices and museum.

Mr. Dalton, barrister, also appeared, and presented a draft of lease of the property proposed to be taken by the Board, for the purpose of building offices, &c., upon.

The Secretary presented the following communications:—

From certain persons resident at Riversdale, in the county of Bruce, in reference to some local difficulties in regard to the place of holding the Greenock township fall show, and asking the advice of the Board in the premises.

From the Smith's Falls Branch Agricultural Society, stating that although that society had made their reports and deposits regularly with the South Lanark County Society for the two years last past, they had received no share of the government grant, and would in consequence be obliged to give up the Society, unless they could make their reports direct to the Board, instead of to the County Society.

From Mr. John J. Beatty, of Streetsville, representing the desirableness of effecting an arrangement with the railway authorities, by which exhibitors of cattle would be enabled to avail themselves of the reduced charges for railway carriage on the two or three days preceding the week of the exhibition.

From Mr. J. Crawford, of Scarborough, in reference to the appointment of judges by the East York Agricultural Society in accordance with the request of the Board.

Mr. Pell reported that he had proceeded to London, as authorised by the Board, and had made an agreement with Mr. Campbell, contractor for the exhibition building, to put up the tables, stalls, flower stands, &c., according to plans and specifications, for the sum of \$518.58.

It was then moved by Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Barwick, that the plans submitted by Mr. Sheard be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the London Local Committee, represented the position of the committee in regard to finances, and stated that they were desirous of obtaining an advance from the Board, in anticipation of the expected government aid, in order to enable them to proceed with the works for the exhibition without interruption.

Resolved,—That the resolution adopted at