

of Agriculture, and if by any means such a step in each County could be effectually carried out, that the Province generally would be raised in Agricultural information and character, and proportionably benefited, and more especially so if in connexion with the said Farms a good and well selected Library, bearing upon Agricultural pursuits, were associated with the said Farms.

Your Board would further report, that, in order to show the depth and sincerity of this conviction, it has already submitted to the County Council a Plan to be by the said Council submitted to the several Township Councils, to be in turn reported upon by them, and thus a body of correct information on the said subject might be collected to enable the County Council to act with a becoming liberality in providing for the education of those Agricultural students who may be placed upon the said model farms, a copy of which communication is hereunto annexed.

It is further the opinion of your Board of Directors that the Board of Agriculture, in complying with the requirements of the 13th and 14th Victoria, cap. 73, section 12, would confer a lasting benefit upon the Agricultural interests of Canada by following up the above suggestions in an earnest appeal to the Legislature in the coming session of the Provincial Parliament, and to request from the Legislature an enactment making it imperative in the several County Councils to provide for the said Agricultural students, education in part or in whole, and also a proper and well selected Library, and the selection of which to be under the direction of the Professor of Agriculture in the Toronto University.

In conclusion, your Board would beg to suggest that one Model Farm under the direction of the Board of Agriculture would not alone subserve the interest of the whole Province, and, however efficiently managed by the said Board, it would but be a Normal School in the science of Agriculture, to which may be added the inability of a very large proportion of the Agricultural community to sustain the sons and friends of farmers at the Toronto Model Farm. And further, in connexion with the proposed system of Model Farms, your Board would suggest that great and speedy improvement in the quality of the different kinds of stock would result from the Board of Agriculture taking the initiative and responsibility of importing stock, to be by it sold by auction at the Annual Fairs, subject to the conditions under bond of the different animals being required to serve in the County or Counties for years. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Approved in open meeting this 23rd day of March, 1852.

(Signed) JOHN B. ASKIN,  
President, &c., &c.

James Farley, Secretary.

*To the Municipal Council of the County of Middlesex, in session assembled:*

The President of the Agricultural Society of the County of Middlesex has the honour of requesting the permission of laying before you, for your consideration, before the close of your present sittings, a plan which it is proposed to be submitted for approval and countenance throughout this noble county.

It is proposed to establish for the purpose of giving example and of making experiments in the science of Agriculture, a Model Farm, to be the common property of all the inhabitants of the United Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, in perpetuity for the above uses, and all such other uses, as may be conducive to giving encouragement to the pursuit of Agriculture within the same.

Secondly. It is proposed to establish a school in connexion with the said Model Farm, and to be erected on the limits of the same, for the purpose of educating such youths and others, as shall be sent thence, to learn the science of Agriculture, and to be educated in all other branches of education, except the classics.

Thirdly. For the establishment of a Class or Branch, within or in connexion with the said school, so to teach and instruct the student the science of analyzing the various soils, and for ascertaining their properties, with a view to their application, how best they could be adapted to the growth of grain, vegetables, &c.

The first of these will comprise the expense of purchase of at least 100 acres of land, with the buildings that may be found necessary, estimated at say £1500, to be paid for by the Agricultural Society with such means as they may have at their disposal, and such subscriptions as may be contributed therefor by a generous public.

Secondly and thirdly. The expense of education being one of a legitimate character and coming more particularly within the scope and jurisdiction of the authorities vested in Municipal Councils, and being so recognized by law, it is hoped that the Municipal Council of this noble County will not refuse to grant such a sum annually as may be sufficient for the purpose of education only.

And lastly. It is but just and reasonable to hope that the parents of such youths as may be sent to the Model Farm for tuition, will not