

port, form a cabinet to be placed at the disposal of the Council, and continue to publish their *Journal*.

An important modification in the late Tariff was made during the last session of the Dominion Parliament, with reference to the admission of animals of improved breeds into the Dominion for breeding purposes. Such animals are now admitted duty free. In their application to Parliament for this boon, the Council were ably assisted by Mr. Young, member for South Waterloo. I regret, however, to state that the action of our Legislature was not reciprocated by the Congress of the United States. Although the attention of the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means was called specially to the fact that our parliament had removed the duty formerly imposed on such animals, the only response was the special exclusion of Canada. The new American tariff provides that "animals specially imported for breeding purposes *shall be and the seas shall be admitted free*." It is to be hoped that soon a more liberal spirit, and one more in accord with sound patriotism, may prevail. It is to the interest of American breeders, as well as our own, that there should be free intercourse for improved stock. And it is but just to say that any American breeders with whom I have conversed on the subject, unanimously denounced the action of Congress as absurd and unjust to them.

There are other matters to which reference might have been made, but I feel that I have already trespassed too much on your forbearance. Let us be encouraged by our success, in the work in which we are engaged. Be assured that the future will yet more abundantly repay your labors. "A grand plan of prophecy is advancing, both in the physical and moral world, and we live in the expectation of a coming era, when the streams which have run for ages alongside of each other will unite, and yield, at the same time, a nobler condition of the earth's surface, and of the spiritual character of its human inhabitants." "They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble." "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree." "The child shall die an hundred years old."

Mr. Sheriff Ferguson moved a vote of thanks to the President for his able address.

Rev. Dr. Ryerson seconded the motion. With respect to the subject of agricultural education, he remarked that it had been suggested, and he hoped the suggestion would be carried out, that it should be included in the Normal School training of teachers.

Motion was carried.

On motion, Messrs. E. A. Macnatchon and George Murton were appointed auditors for the coming year.

Mr. Ira Morgan moved that the next Provincial Exhibition be held in the city of Ottawa. He said Ottawa only asked this as an act of justice from the farmers of the west. They had already permanent buildings, and notwithstanding the recent calamities their local show was very successful; and he was sure if the Provincial Exhibition was held there next year, it would prove a perfect success.

Mr. Geo. W. Eaton seconded the motion.

Mr. Sheriff Ferguson moved that Kingston be the next place of meeting.

Mr. Thomas Stock, Wentworth, seconded the motion.

Hon. Mr. Skead advocated at some length the claims of Ottawa. He said that Ottawa was prepared to spend any reasonable amount on the exhibition, even \$10,000 or \$15,000, if necessary. And on behalf of the merchants, the Board of Trade and the Board of Lumbermen, he would say that if the City Council did not vote enough, they were prepared to give \$5,000 more. (Cheers.) They had ample accommodation for visitors. In addition to the hotels, they had five large school houses, which would be fitted up with beds; they intended to bring into the Canal a dozen steamboats, and their staterooms would be let at a reasonable rate; and they had also the promise of the Committee rooms in the House of Commons for members of Parliament and their friends. He had received letters from the managers of the railways and steamboats running to Ottawa, stating that they would carry visitors to and from the exhibition for one fare.

By request, the Secretary read a resolution of the City Council of Kingston, promising to provide ample accommodation if the Exhibition was held there.

Mr. David Wilson, President of the Kent Agricultural Society, complained that he was required to produce his papers before he could be enrolled as a delegate.

Mr. John Rochester, Mayor of Ottawa, read a resolution passed by the Ottawa City Council, pledging the Council to furnish the necessary accommodation for the exhibition, in case it would be held there next year. He added that he was sure the Association would not suffer in the least by going to Ottawa, and that the stock breeders of the west would reap a benefit, because they would find ten times as many purchasers there as they would find in Toronto, Hamilton, or London. Ottawa had gone to considerable expense in preparing grounds for the exhibition, and their stalls were higher and dryer than those at Toronto.

Mr. Findlay, of North Renfrew, argued briefly on behalf of Ottawa.

Mr. Gildersleeve spoke in favor of Kingston, objecting to Ottawa as not being so easy of access as Kingston.

Hon. Mr. Skead said they had an assurance from the Board of Agriculture from Quebec, that if the exhibition went to Ottawa, they would unite with them.

The vote was then taken, and resulted as follows

For Kingston	77
For Ottawa	51

Kingston was therefore declared to be the place of the next meeting.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Mayor, Corporation, and citizens of Toronto, for the assistance they had rendered the Association, and to the Railway and Steamboat Companies for the facilities they had afforded; and the meeting separated.

The Council of the Association met in the course of Friday afternoon, and took action with regard to certain protests and complaints of exhibitors that were laid before them. In consequence of the election of Mr. James Young, M. P., as President of the Mechanics' Institutes Association, Dr. Beatty, the ex-President, retires from his seat at the Council Board, and Mr. Young takes his place. With reference to the retirement of Dr. Beatty, the fol-