

strive to make, as far as in him lies, the Sherbrooke Exhibition an important feature in the future agricultural history of Canada, to be quoted by some future historian as the Scottish Society of Improvers has been, by the historians of the past.

SEED SOWING MACHINE.

Mr. Robertson, of Long Point, who is the maker and inventor of a very valuable seed sowing machine, requests us to state that the machine was not sent to the Universal Exhibition at Paris, as stated in the returns, on account of a disagreement as to the price at which it should be charged. Mr. Robertson is not a mechanic, but a practical farmer, possessed of a large amount of inventive talent, which he seeks opportunities of turning to account in his pursuits in Canada. The seed sowing machine may be seen on his farm at Long Point, it will be found useful, simple, and efficacious for all soils and kinds of seeds, and is by no means high in price. The superiority of the implement consists in its not being so heavy and unwieldy as the implements manufactured in England, and its being constructed on new and improved principles. It was approved by the judges of the exhibition at Montreal, and gained a prize at the New York exhibition. We advise our farmers to go and see it, and form a judgment for themselves. It is all important in farming during our short seasons, to avail ourselves of approved labour-saving machines.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

The President of the Board of Agriculture has decided upon extending and improving the operations of the Bureau of Agriculture; and with this view has appointed William Hutton, Esq., the able Secretary of the Board of Statistics, to the chief management. Mr. Hutton's excellent and elaborate reports have favorably impressed the public mind; and his long practical acquaintance with Canadian and British Agriculture, have pointed him out as the person best qualified in this great agricultural country for so important a charge. The Board of Statistics will now be incorporated with the Bureau of Agriculture. Mr. Hutton has written largely on both subjects, and his known literary capacity and industry lead us to anticipate the best results in his more extended sphere of operations.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

A meeting of the Committee of the Patriotic Concert and Fund took place at the St. Lawrence Hall on Thursday. The chairman (Dr. Litchfield) stated that the meeting

had been called by the Secretary (Mr. D. Browne), at the request of the members, to enable the Committee to decide upon the course to be taken in respect to the disposal of the funds collected in Montreal and its vicinity, and to close the labors and duties of the Committee. The Chairman read the following letter from the Secretary of the Royal Commission in England:—

ROYAL COMMISSION OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND, 16 (a) St. George St., Westminster, April 3, 1853.

To J. P. Litchfield, Esq., M. D., Montreal.

Sir.—I delayed answering your letter until I could give you a satisfactory reply. Two only of the List of Soldiers' Wives in Canada, which you were good enough to forward, prove to be widows.

In reference to these and others that unhappily may become so, the Chaplain of the Forces had been written to before the arrival of your kind communication, and money forwarded.

In reference to the wives left in Canada, I have communicated with the Hon. Major Powys, and he will attend to their cases.

The Commissioners have invested £21,000 in Canada Securities, as a compliment to Canada for their liberal donations.

I have the honor to be, &c.

C. J. FISHBURN.

The chairman stated that in addition to the £50 voted by the Committee in Montreal for the temporary support of wives and children left in Canada by soldiers serving in the Crimea, the Committee of which the Honorable Major Powys was Secretary, had remitted £100 to the Chaplain of the Forces to continue the payments to the wives and children begun by the Montreal Committee; and as the very handsome sum of £21,000 had been invested by the Royal Commissioners in Canadian Securities for the benefit of the widows and orphans remaining in Canada, there would be little more for the committee to do than to receive and examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and decide upon the mode of remitting the amount, whether through the Receiver General of the Province, or any other channel, to the Royal Commissioners.

The Treasurer (Thos. A. Evans, Esq.) presented the accounts in full, which showed a total receipt of £905 16s. 10d., including the charges for advertising the concert in the *Herald, Gazette Transcript, Advertiser, Argus, Sun, Pilot, and Miner, Pays, and Patrie*, which the several proprietors had handsomely presented as their contributions to the fund.

Mr. Kerry moved, seconded by Mr. T. D. Hall, that the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary be instructed to forward the net balance in hand, after the settlement of all accounts against the committee, to the Receiver General of the Province for transmission to the Royal Commissioners in England; that they communicate the fact of the money

being so transmitted to the Royal Commission; that thanks be given to His Worship the Mayor of Montreal, and to the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary; and that the Committee be now dissolved,—which was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

We understand the St. George's Society forwarded as the contribution of the members, per John Jones, Esq., Montreal, on the 16th April, £206 currency, and about £20 remains to collect, which will be appropriated to the relief of the wives and children who are left in Canada.

The St. Andrew's Society have remitted to the Royal Commissioners in London, £372 0s. 1½d. currency, equal to £305 15s. 2d. sterling. The receipt of this sum has been acknowledged by the Commissioners. John Armour, Esq., acted as Secretary.

Large sums have also been sent from Montreal and its vicinity by remittance through the banks; but, as these remittance have not been publicly reported, we are not in a position to state the amounts.

The Presbyterian Churches in connection with the Church of Scotland have made the following congregational subscriptions for the Patriotic Fund. The lists will not be closed until 9th July. The collections are forwarded through Hew Ramsay, Esq., Treasurer, Montreal.

Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill..	£14	0	0
Osnabruck, per Rev. Mr. Dobie.....	11	0	0
Searboro'.....	31	3	6
Mono.....	2	15	0
Lachine, per Rev. Mr. Simpson.....	28	3	0
S. Georgetown, per Rev. J. M. Muir.....	21	0	0
Packenhain, per Rev. A. Mann Nelson and Waterdown, per Rev. G. Macdonnell.....	12	10	8
Esquesing, per Rev. P. Ferguson.....	9	15	0
Others not by congregation	2	15	0
L'Original, per Rev. A. Bell..	6	5	0
Renfrew, per Rev. J. Thomson	12	14	4
Beauharnois, per Rev. Mr. Haig.....	14	17	6
Valcartier, per Rev. D. Shanks	6	0	0
Dalhousie Mills, per Mr. Cattenach.....	10	15	0
Scott and L'abridge, per Rev. Mr. Cleland.....	16	0	0
Saltfleet, per Rev. W. Johnson	11	5	0
Benbrook, per do.	5	0	0
Bellefleur, per Rev. Mr. Walker,	9	1	9
St. Paul's, Montreal, per Dr. McGill.....	15	10	9
Pickering, per Rev. P. McNaughton.....	26	5	0
Ormstown, per Rev. J. Anderson.....	2	0	0
Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson....	18	0	0
Queenston, Rev. Mr. Mowat,	2	0	0
Woolwich, per Rev. J. Thom,	7	0	0
Launcester, per Rev. T. McPherson.....	40	0	0