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 To J. P. Litchfield, Esq. M. D., Montreal. The St. Andrew's Society have remitted that the machine was not sent to the Universal Exhibition at Paris, as stated in the I could give you a satisfactory reply. Two £372 0s. 13d. currency, equal to £305 15s. returns, on account of a disagreement as to only of the List of Soldiers' Wives in Canada, 2d. sterling. The receipt of this sum has the price at which it should be charged which you were good enough to forward, been acknowledged by the Commissioners. Mr. Robertson is not n mechanic, but a prove to be widows. practical farmer, possessed of a large amount of inventive talent, which he seeks opportu-unhappily may become so, the Chaplain of Montreal and its vicinity by remittance nities of turning to account in his pursuits in the Forces had been written to before the through the banks; but, as these remittance Canada. The seed sowing machine may be arrival of your kind communication, and have not been publicly reported, we are not seen on his farm at Long Point, it will be money forwarded. found useful, simple, and efficaceous for all In reference to the wives left in Canada, I soils and kinds of seeds, and is by no means have communicated with the Hon. Major tion with the Church of Scotland have made high in price. The superiority of the im- Powys, and he will attend to their cases. plement consists in its not being so heavy

The Commisoners have invested £21,000 for the Patriotic Fund. The lists will not and unwieldy as the implements manufac-in Canada Securities, as a compliment to be closed until 9th July. The collections tured in England, and its being constructed Canada for their liberal donations 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 the £50 voted by the Committee in Montreal to go and see it, and form a judgment for for the temporary support of wives and chil-themselves. It is all important in farming dren left in Canada by soldiers serving in the during our short seasons, to avail ourselves Crimea, the Committee o which the Honof approved labour saving machines. Larretti yandad ar

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

ture has decided upon extending and improv-Commissioners in Canadian Securities for ing the operations of the Bureau of Agri-the benefit of the widows and orphans reculture; and with this view has appointed maining in Canada, there would be little more William Hutton, Esq., the able Secretary for the committee to do than to receive and of the Board of Statistics, to the chief examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and management. Mr. Hutton's excellent and decide upon the mode of remitting the amount. elaborate reports have favorably impressed whether through the Receiver General of the public mind, and his long practical actile Province, or any other channel, to the quaintance with Canadian and British Agri-Royal Commissioners.
culture, have pointed him out as the person best qualified in this great agricultural compresented the accounts in full, which showed try for so important a charge. The Board a total receipt of £905 16s. 10d., including of Statistics will now be incorporated with the charges for advertising the concert in the the Bureau of Agriculture: Vr. Hutton the Heruld. Gazette Transcript, Adverhas written largely on both subjects, and his liser, Argus. Sun, Pilot, and Minerve known literary capacity and industry lead us Pays, and Patric, which the several proto anticipate the best results in his more ex-prietors had handsomely presented as their tended sphere of operations.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

totic Concert and Fund took place at the St. ceiver General of the Province for transmis

strive to make, as far as in him lies, the had been called by the Secretary (Mr. D. being so transmitted to the Royal Commis-Sherbrooke Exhibition an important feature Browne), at the request of the members, to sion; that thanks be given to His Worship in the future agricultural history of Canada, enable the Committee to decide upon the the Mayor of Montreal and to the Chairman course to be taken in respect to the disposi-Treasurer, and Secetary; and that the Comto be quoted by some future historian as the tion of the funds collected in Montreal and mittee be now dissolved,—which was car-Scottish Society of Improvers has been, by its vicinity, and to close the labors and duties ried, and the meeting adjourned. of the Committee. The Chairman read the We understand the St. George's Society

Royal Commission in England:-

I have the honor to be, &c. C. J FISHBOURN.

The chairman stated that in addition to orable 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 The President of the Board of Agricul- of £21,000 had been invested by the Royal

contributions to the fund.

Mr. Kerry moved, seconded by Mr. T. D Hall, that the Chairman, Treasurer, and Se cretary be instructed to forward the net balance in hand, after the settlement of a A meeting of the Committee of the Patri-accounts against the committee, to the Re Lawrence Hall on Thursday. The chair-sion to the Royal Commissioners in England Lancister, per Rev. T. Meman (Dr. Litchfield) stated that the meeting that they communicate the fact of the money

following letter from the Secretary of the forwarded as the contribution of the members, per John Jones, Esq., Montreal, on ROYAL COMMISSION OF THE PATRI- the 16th April, £206 currency, and about OTIC FUND, 16 (a) St George £20 remains to collect, which will be appro-St., Westminister, April 3, 1853. printed to the relief of the wives and children

Str. - I delayed answering your letter until to the Royal Commissioners in London, John Armour, Esq., acted as Secretary.

in a position to state the amounts.

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