

from Mr. Young. I visited the two woollen mills at Ancaster, but was unable to obtain the promise of anything, they being very busy; in the case of Mr. Crane, who manufactures knitted goods, I think this is much to be regretted as he produces very superior fabrics, specimens of which were shown in London in September last. At Brantford I could hear of nothing. I drove to Port Dover and obtained the promise of some woollen cloths from the new factory just now in operation; they will be forwarded to Isaac Buchanan, Esq., of Hamilton, in time for the Commissioners. If what I have learned is correct, the person who is carrying on this factory is one of the most experienced and able factors that has been engaged in the manufacture of woollen goods in the Eastern States; (Mr. J. N. Pitts), something very excellent may be expected, as it is an establishment of very superior character, the machinery being the best made in New England, and of very recent improvements, and the intention being to manufacture high priced and fine cloths.

At Paris I could learn of nothing. (I spent but a few hours in this place, having to lay over for the train).

In London I was unable to personally meet the Board of the Institute, but I communicated with some of the manufacturers, and then giving a list of the promises I had received from persons who could and would contribute to the Exhibition, I urged the Board by note, to form a Committee, and to still further canvass the City for more articles. I obtained in this City a promise from Mr. M. Anderson to prepare some agricultural implements; from Mr. Brown, the promise of an improved Singer sewing machine, and from Mr. Saunders, a collection of Canadian herbs, (which were exhibited at the last Provincial Exhibition, with the exception of additions since made), extracts and perfumery, if it is possible for him to prepare them in time.

I endeavored to obtain specimens of Canadian woods, but to no purpose; I however, learned of a collection that is in the possession of the Hamilton Scientific Society. I suggested to one of their leading members that they should be sent to England. The collection I believe to be a good and pretty extensive one, although the specimens are not as large as might be desired. Whether my suggestion would be acted upon I know not. I found generally a want of interest in the Exhibition, and every where the excuse was made, there is not sufficient time, and little encouragement. In stating the amount of time I devoted to the work of the Commission, I may say at least half of the nineteen days was spent in serving

them. Three days wholly was spent in visiting Ancaster and Port Dover; I thought it proper to do so, as in both places fine qualities of goods are manufactured. I think it unfortunate that Mr. Crain, of the first named place, could not be induced to send specimens of his hosiery and knitted goods, as they are very superior, and such as would favorably compare with the products of other countries.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours, with respect,

GEORGE E. PELL.

January 9th, 1862.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

Toronto, January 14th, 1861.

The Board met this day, according to adjournment, at two o'clock, P. M.

The members present were:—Professor Hincks University College, Professor Hind Trinity College University, Toronto; W. Craigie, M.D., James Cummings, Thos. Hilton, Samuel Sharp and Richard Bull, delegates from the Hamilton Mechanics' Institute; Rice Lewis, President, and Patrick Freeland, William Edwards, W. H. Sheppard, John McBean and H. E. Clarke, delegates, Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

In the absence of the President, and the Vice-President, Professor Hincks was appointed to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read Telegrams from the President, Dr. Beatty; and from Mr. Sheldrick, stating that owing to detention of trains they would not be able to attend the Meeting.

The Report of the Sub-Committee for the past year was then read by the Secretary, when it was Moved by Mr. Freeland

Seconded by Mr. Lewis, and Resolved—That the Report of the Sub-committee now read, be adopted.

The Election of Office bearers and Sub-Committee for the ensuing year then took place, when the following Gentlemen were elected:—

President—John Beatty, Jun., M.D.

Vice-President—Wm. Craigie, M.D.

Secretary and Treasurer—Wm. Edwards.

Sub-Committee—Professor Hincks, Professor Hind, Patrick Freeland, W. H. Sheppard, Professor Buckland, Rice Lewis, Alfred Brunel, Richard Bull and Thos. Sheldrick.

Moved by Mr. Bull, seconded by Mr. Hilton, and Resolved—That the thanks of the Board be given to the Office-bearers and Committee of the past year, for the close attention given to their duties during their term of Office.