

in recording his success as an exhibitor, and in noticing the favourable auspices with which he commenced his year of office, we have from time to time testified to all the Prince Consort was doing for agriculture. His was not merely idle, passing patronage or casual aid, but it was rather a pursuit he delighted in, and one that he followed out with equal energy and advantage. The most practical man could not go that pleasant round from the Flemish Farm to the Norfolk, and so back again by the Home and the Dairy, without learning something wherever he went. The very last meeting which we believe the Prince ever presided over was that of the Agricultural Council in November; while the culminating point to such a career should have been but during the next few months.—Regarded either as one of the Arts generally, or more especially as a grand gathering of that Society he had consented to preside over, the Great Exhibition was undoubtedly growing from under the late lamented Prince's design and development. There is a settled gloom now cast over its prospects, from which it can never hope to recover, even if, under the circumstances, the project be proceeded with.—The bustle and crowd of a World's Fair will scarcely harmonize with the heavy heart of the August Lady, in all the fresh, bitter pang of her widowhood."

The Agricultural Statute—Proposed Public Meeting.

The following circular has been addressed by the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, to the County Agricultural Societies throughout the country, prior to their Annual General Meeting in third week of January:—

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE OF U.C.,

Toronto, January 8, 1862.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the provisions of the Agricultural Statute, 20 Victoria, cap. 32, requiring each County Agricultural Society to hold its annual Meeting during the third week of January.

It is a part of the duty of each Society, at such Annual Meeting, under clause 11 of the Act, to nominate four persons as Members of the Board of Agriculture.

I beg to state, for the information of your Society, that the Board of Agriculture, as constituted last year, consists of the following gentlemen:—E. W. Thomson, Toronto; R. L. Denison, Toronto;

Hon. H. Ruttan, Cobourg; Asa A. Burnham, Cobourg; Hon. George Alexander, Woodstock; Hon. Adam Fergusson, Watford; Hon. David Christie, Brantford; and Wm. Ferguson, Kingston.

The four members who now retire are Messrs. Thomson, Denison, Ruttan, and Alexander; their retirement, however, does not render them ineligible for re-election.

The Statute requires each County Society to transmit, without delay, a certified list of the names and address of the persons nominated, to the *Secretary of the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics, Quebec*.

I beg to remind you that a report of the last year's proceedings of each Society is required to be brought up and adopted at the Annual Meeting. It is desirable that these reports should be as full and complete as possible. The Act requires that they should contain a list of the members of the Society and the amount subscribed by each; a statement of the premiums awarded during the year, showing the amount, and for what and to whom awarded; such remarks and suggestions upon the Agriculture and Horticulture of the County, and Arts and Manufactures therein, as the Directors shall be enabled to offer; and a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year. The reports of the Township Societies are required to be transmitted to the County Societies in time for the Annual Meeting of the latter, and to be forwarded, along with the reports of the County Societies, to the Board of Agriculture, Toronto, on or before the 1st day of April. An abridgement of the reports will appear in the Transactions at as early a day as possible.

I have to request that you will see that the reports of the Township Societies in your County, when they come into your hands, are complete in the several points mentioned, before forwarding them to this office, along with your own. I will also thank you to be particular to add to the report lists of all the officers elected for the present year, for both County and Township Societies, with the Post Office Address of each.

You will please observe that the names of members of the Board of Agriculture are to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Bureau of Agriculture, QUEBEC; and that the Annual Reports, &c., are to be trans-