

chair. A list of different subjects, and the Accounts for last year were put before the Board by the Assistant Secretary.

1. Application from L. A. H. Latour, Esq., to have twenty copies of the *Farmer's Journal* for distribution in the United States. The Assistant Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Latour that his application is granted from the present date.

2. Report on the Cultivation of the Seeds got from the Paris Exhibition, by Major Campbell, C.B. To be published in the *Farmer's Journal*.

3. Report on do. do., by Mr. Faris, of Sorel. To be published in the *Farmer's Journal*.

4. Account sent by M. M. Salter & Ross, for printing Mr. Evans' pamphlet on Agriculture. M. M. Salter & Ross to be informed that this was a private affair of Mr. Evans'.

5. Letters from different parties suggesting alterations in the Prize List were discussed, and some of their amendments were adopted.

6. Several letters containing Reports of the Organization of different Societies for the current year were submitted. From some Counties, entitled to one Society only, there were more than one; each claiming to be the County Society.

This confusion, caused by the imperfect legislation of last year, the Board was at a loss to unravel, and referred the question to the Minister of Agriculture, requesting early instructions for its guidance, as its proceedings on that point must continue stationary during the interval.

7. The following to be forwarded for publication to the following Journals—three insertions in each Journal:—Toronto Globe, Toronto Leader, Montreal Gazette, Montreal Herald, Montreal Pilot, Montreal Minerve, Quebec Chronicle, Quebec Courier de Canada, Quebec Journal de Quebec.

"Wanted,—To fill the office of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture for Lower Canada, a person able to correspond both in the English and French languages. He must have a *practical knowledge* of Agriculture. Salary £250. Arrangements may be made with the Publisher for Editing the *Farmer's Journal*.

"Application will also be received from any party conversant with the English language only, well versed in *Practical Agriculture*, who might be disposed to undertake the office with a smaller salary, to be aided by

an Assistant to conduct the French correspondence."

8. Correspondence between the Minister of Agriculture and the President of the Board of Agriculture on the subject of importation of grain, was laid before the Board. The condition contained in Mr. Vankoughnet's letter of the 6th January, that the money be paid before hand, was thought to be out of the question. Nor could the amount be ascertained until the cost and expenses were incurred.

9. The Minister of Agriculture requests the Board to express its opinions on the laws relating to Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada. Certain amendments were adopted by the Board to be recommended to the Minister.

10. *Resolved*,—That the Board have received with regret a communication from the City of Montreal and County of Hochelaga Agricultural Society, declining to merge their funds for the current year in those of the Association towards the expenses of the Exhibition to be held in Montreal in September next; inasmuch as the funds of the Association are limited and its expenses will be heavy.

The Societies of Quebec, Sherbrooke and Three Rivers contributed the whole of their funds to the Association, during the years the Provincial Show was respectively held at those places. The Upper Canada Societies have invariably contributed their funds under similar circumstances, and the Board cannot refrain from expressing its deep regret that a like liberal course should not be followed by the City of Montreal and Hochelaga Agricultural Society.

11. No answer having been received from the Jacques Cartier Agricultural Society to the application of the Board to merge their funds in those of the Association for the current year.

*Resolved*,—That the Assistant Secretary be directed to renew the application.

12. In reply to the petition of Mrs. Evans, to His Excellency, it was

*Resolved*—That the Board owes as a duty to the memory of their late Secretary, Wm. Evans, Esq., to bear testimony to his untiring zeal and disinterested services in the advancement of Agricultural interests in Lower Canada, during a period exceeding 20 years,—that his private means as well as his time, were freely contributed to the cause, to the prejudice of his health and fortune; under these circumstances the Board strongly and

urgently recommends the petition of his widow to the favorable consideration of the Governor General.

*Resolved*,—That the Board, before separating, expresses its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Evans, in the severe bereavement with which she has recently been afflicted.

*Resolved*,—That a copy of the two foregoing Resolutions be sent to the widow of the late Wm. Evans, Esq.

The Board then adjourned.

T. CHAGNON,  
Asst.-Sec. Board of Agriculture.

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*Reports on the cultivation of the Seeds got from the Paris Exhibition.*

ST. HILAIRE, 20th Dec., 1856.

SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in the letter which accompanied the different samples of seeds from the Paris Exhibition, sent to me for experiment, I have the honor to report on their cultivation as follows:—

Portugal Maize, sown 5th June, grew to the height of 12 feet, bore well, but the grain did not ripen.

Small Sweet Maize, sown 5th June, ripe 15th September, prolific.

Spanish Maize, white, sown 5th June, ripe 20th September, average bearer.

White Runner Bean, sown 5th June, bore well, pod tender.

Lupinus, sown 5th June, ripe 20th Aug.

Spanish Pea, brown, sown 5th June, ripe 10th August, bore well.

Spanish Pea, grey, sown 5th June, blossomed, but did not pod well.

White Peas, marked 4, sown 5th June, prolific.

Spanish Horse Bean, sown 5th June, did not ripen.

Bohemian Bean, sown 5th June, did not vegetate.

Large White Kidney Bean, sown 25th May, pulled the first pods 7th July, continued bearing till killed by frost, large tender pods, much to be recommended.

Horse Bean, marked D, sown 5th June, ripe 1st September, nothing extraordinary.

The quantity of each seed being very small, I selected favorable places in the garden to sow them in.

The varieties of wheat having the appearance of Winter Wheat, were sown in the autumn; of these a report will be made to you after next harvest.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. E. CAMPBELL.  
To William Evans, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Board of Agriculture  
&c. &c., Montreal.

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SOREL, 3rd January, 1857.

Mr. EVANS,  
DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of 22nd ult., I beg to state, that I did not receive