

wheat and other seeds, exhibited by them at the International Exhibition of 1862, and now forwarded for distribution.

From Mr. Jas. J. Ryan, Secretary North Hastings Agricultural Society, desiring to be informed whether the Townships of Hungerford and Huntindon could be united for the purpose of forming a Branch Agricultural Society in opposition to the wish of the latter township.

From Messrs. Austin Baldwin & Co., New York, Agents for the Hamburg International Agricultural Exhibition, taking place in July, 1863, several letters, printed circulars, and other documents, requesting the co-operation of the Board in the objects of the Exhibition.

From Mr. C. Sibbald, Brockville, with a sample of exceedingly fine wool, from the Negretti sheep, in Pomerania, Prussia, sent out by a gentleman from that country, with the view of ascertaining the adaptability of the breed to Canada.

From the Treasurers of several Agricultural Societies, desiring to be informed how soon the Government Grant to such Societies will be available, and what will be the amount of the same.

From Mr. Richard Chaloner, Secretary of the Mount Forest Agricultural Society, enquiring as to the efforts of the County of Grey Society to exclude the Mount Forest Branch from the full benefits of the Government Grant, on account of the latter Society consisting partly of members from the County of Wellington.

[The Secretary stated that he had replied at length to this communication, and that from the County of Grey Society, as well as to the enquiries from the North Hastings Society, stating the requirements and limitations of the law in each case.]

From Mr. F. Shanly, lessee of the buildings and grounds lately occupied by the Board as an experimental farm, asking for a certain reduction of rent, on account of repairs and improvements made to the said buildings.

From Mr. John A. Donaldson, of Weston, urging upon the Board the great importance to Canada of promoting the cultivation of flax as a staple crop, and soliciting the influence of the Board in advancing the same. This letter was accompanied by a very superior specimen of raw flax, of nearly mature growth, just pulled from a field in Whitby, and also another sample from Mr. Mitchell, of Norval, of equally good quality, testifying strongly to the adaptedness of the soil and climate to this article of produce.

From the Bureau of Agriculture, Quebec, stating that the grants to the Agricultural Societies would take place at an early day.

From Hon. Mr. Christie, urging the importance of completing the arrangements for the publication of the Canada Short Horn Herd Book.

From Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co., Toronto, an estimate, obtained in accordance with instructions at last meeting of the Board, of the cost of printing and binding the Herd Book.

From Mr. Denison, as Report of Committee, a rough draft of plan of fittings for the Museum in the Agricultural Hall.

The Board then adjourned to 7 p. m.

#### MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

At three p. m. a meeting of the Local Committee took place in the City Hall, according to appointment, the Council of the Association being present as ex-officio members. The Secretary of the Committee read the minutes of the past proceedings for the information of the Council, and several tenders were opened for additional works required on the exhibition grounds. The Committee then proceeded to the grounds, and examined fully the preparations for the Exhibition, which were found to be in a satisfactory state of forwardness and completeness. The Committee then adjourned.

#### THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

At 7 p. m., to which hour the Board had adjourned, there not being a quorum of members present, an adjournment took place to next morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, July 24th, 10 a. m.

The Board met this morning, according to adjournment.

Present: Messrs. Thomson, (President), Ruttan, Denison, Burnham, Ferguson, Buckland.

Minutes of yesterday were read.

*Resolved*.—That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated by this Board to be expended in preparing and fitting up the Museum in the Agricultural Hall, at Toronto, and that the following Committee be appointed for that purpose, viz.: The President of the Board, Professor Buckland, Mr. Denison, Mr. Ruttan, and Mr. Burnham.

Mr. Donaldson's letter on the subject of Flax Culture being considered, it was

*Resolved*.—That Mr. Donaldson's efforts in promoting the culture of flax entitle him to the thanks of this Board and of the country at large, and the Board will willingly do all in its power to forward any feasible plan that may be proposed by Mr. Donaldson with the view of attracting the attention of Agriculturists to the advantages of devoting a portion of their farms to the cultivation of this product.

In reference to the samples of flax submitted it was also

*Resolved*.—That the Board desires to express its satisfaction at observing the excellent samples of flax, the growth of this year, submitted by Messrs. Donaldson & Mitchell, as an evidence, if evidence were necessary, of the fitness of the soil and climate of this country for the production of this article.—The Board