

# AGRICULTURAL REVIEW.

FEBRUARY.

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## Official Dep't.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR LOWER CANADA.

Wednesday, 8th Jan. 1862.

The Board met at the Board Rooms, according to notice, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Present—Hon. L. V. Sicotte, President.

O. E. Casgrain, Vice-President.

Major Campbell.

B. Pomroy, Esq.

T. C. A. Turgeon, Esq.

F. M. Ossaye, Professor of Agriculture.

### "Extracts of Proceedings."

A Petition from the Verchères Agricultural Society and others from the county, praying for the organization of a second Agricultural Society, is taken into consideration.

Mr. A. Vandandaigue, one of the Board of Directors of the Society, is introduced to the Board, and gives all the necessary information on the question.

1st. *Resolved.*—That the formation of a second Society is granted on account of the great special difficulties arising from the existing Society, and acknowledged by the Board of Directors themselves. But that the Board of Agriculture renews its declaration of opposition, in principle, to the formation of a second society in any County.

The petition of the Gaspé Agricultural Society No. 1, to the Board, praying for permission of applying its funds to the building of a flour mill is rejected, the Agricultural Act not providing for such an expenditure of the government grant.

Moved by Major Campbell, seconded by Mr. Turgeon, and

2nd. *Resolved.*—That the following resolution, adopted on the 28th March, be registered again in the proceedings of this Board: "That all checks from this Board be signed by the Treasurer and endorsed by the Presidents.

3rd. *Resolved.*—That a committee of the Pre-

sident and Major Campbell be appointed to receive the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, and report at the next meeting.

4th. *Resolved.*—That two members of this Board be appointed to attend the meeting of the delegates of the Agricultural Societies of Upper Canada, to be held in Toronto, to take into consideration the amendments to the Agricultural Act proposed during the last session of Parliament, and that these members be the President and Major Campbell. The instructions of the Board are to forward the adoption of the amendment act such as passed the Lower House.

5. *Resolved.* That in the opinion of this Board, Agriculture would derive great advantage from the importation for a few consecutive years of improved stock of cattle. That in order to procure the best results as the most prompt and the most general, the Board recommends to all the Agricultural Societies of Lower Canada to appropriate for the period at least of three years an annual sum for the importation of good stock. That this Board in order to facilitate these importations and to diminish the expense thereof, engages itself to purchase these animals and deliver them to the different Societies without other charges than those of purchase and carriage.

And the Board adjourned.

The following circular was addressed by the president to all the agricultural societies.

To the Secretary of the Agricultural Society.

SIR,

The Board of Agriculture in forwarding to you the foregoing resolution, invites your Society to second their efforts in an enterprise which ought to produce considerable results and advantages,—above all, if all the Societies are willing to give their co-operation. Should each Society employ a fourth, a third, or its whole grant from the government to the importation of these animals during several years, each county would be enriched by enabling all the farmers to increase the value of their stock; and this would become the most certain source of great progress and