

and disbursements should be very carefully and correctly prepared, showing the exact state of the account; and it is very desirable that the Report should embody under the 4th general division, above mentioned, such information of a practical nature in regard to the Agricultural and Horticultural resources and progress of the County, as would be useful and interesting for publication in the Transactions of the Board.

The Report, after adoption at the Annual Meeting, should be entered in the Society's Journal, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Secretary, forwarded to this office, punctually on or before the 1st day of April next.

The Reports of the Township or Branch Societies in your County should be received by your Society at or before your Annual Meeting, and must be forwarded to this office along with your own. You are requested to see that such reports are compiled in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and that the names of the officers elected for the current year are given, before so forwarding them.

The Officers to be elected by your County Society are a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than seven Directors. You are particularly requested to forward the names of these, along with the Annual Report, to this office.

The Board of Agriculture.

It is a part of each County Society, at the Annual Meeting, under Section 12, Con. Statute, to nominate four persons to serve as members of the Board of Agriculture.

The Board, as constituted last year, consisted of the following gentlemen, viz : E. W. Thomson, Toronto; R. L. Denison, Toronto; Hon. H. Rutan, Cobourg; Asa A. Burnham, Cobourg; Hon. George Alexander, Woodstock; Hon. Adam Fergusson, Waterdown; Hon David Christie, Brantford; and Wm. Ferguson, Kingston.

Of the four members who would now retire in regular rotation, the late Hon Adam Fergusson, who continued a member of the Board from its first organization to the day of his death, was one. He, as you are well aware, departed this life in September last, and the Board would respectfully take this opportunity of expressing to the County Societies their high estimation of the deceased gentleman's many virtues as a man and a Christian, and his eminent services to the country of his adoption as an Agriculturist.

The remaining three members who now retire are Messrs Burnham, Christie, and Wm. Ferguson. Their retirement, however, does not render them ineligible for re-election.

The Statute requires each County Society to transmit the names of the four persons nominated as members of the Board to the *Bureau of Agriculture (at Quebec)* forthwith; and the four persons so nominated by the greatest number of Societies shall be members of the Board in the place of the members vacating their seats.

Agricultural and Veterinary Instruction.

A Class will be formed in Toronto, during this winter, for instruction in the Principles of Agriculture, and the Veterinary Art, specially adapted to the wants of young men engaged in, or intended for agricultural pursuits. Professor Buckland will be assisted in the department of Scientific Agriculture by the Professors of Chemistry, Geology, and Natural History in University College. Mr. Smith, Licentiate of the Edinburgh Veterinary College, and Consulting Surgeon to the Board of Agriculture for Upper Canada, will have charge of the Veterinary department.

This course will commence on *Wednesday, January 21st, 1863*, and continue for about six weeks. Three Lectures a day, and no fees. The subjects treated of will comprise :—

The History, Breeding, Diseases, and Treatment of Farm Animals, including their Anatomy and Physiology, with a course of instruction in Practical Dissecting.

Agriculture in its relations to Chemistry. Geology, Mechanics, Physical Geology and Meteorology, Botany, and Zoology, including Farm Architecture and Engineering, the valuation and management of Landed Property, with special reference to Canada.

Pupils may enter and leave the class without being subjected to an examination. But, with a view of promoting emulation the Board of Agriculture offer the following Prizes, the value to be given in suitable books:—First, \$20 to the student who shall pass the best Examination in all the subjects at the end of the term; Second \$15; Third, \$10; and Fourth, \$5.

Further particulars on this subject may be known by applying, either personally or by letter, to Professor Buckland, University College.

Agricultural Museum.

The Board is about establishing in their new Hall in this city, for the benefit and instruction of the public, an Agricultural Museum, and will be thankful for your assistance in procuring suitable specimens for it. Any members of your Society, or others, who may grow upon their farms, grains, grasses, roots, or other agricultural products, possessing a distinguishing character for excellence of quality, productiveness of yield, beauty of sample, or other marked and useful property, are respectfully requested to send specimens of the same to this office (the samples of grain either in the straw, with the roots attached, or the clean seed,) giving the producer's name and address, and all the useful particulars in reference to the cultivation, amount of produce, &c. Specimens of the seeds of forest trees, named, with location and time of collection mentioned, and of other useful and interesting natural products, will be also thankfully received. Implement Manufacturers are also invited to avail themselves of the advantages of the Museum, for the purpose of displaying to the public the articles they manufacture, either by sending models or the implements themselves.