

commenced in October. The class for first years' Veterinary Students and Agricultural Students commenced January 5th, 1870. The session for Veterinary Students will close on the 1st of April.

Students attending two sessions of this Institution, can obtain the Diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or that of Edinburgh, after attending one session and passing the examination at either of the Colleges of London or Edinburgh.

#### THE EXHIBITION.

The Provincial Exhibition of 1869, held at London in September 21 to 24, was in every respect a great success. Every department of the Agricultural and Manufacturing industry of the country being well represented. The actual number of animals and articles exhibited in the various classes, was probably on the whole, greater and the number of visitors larger than on any former occasion. This fortunate result was no doubt attributable to the productive harvest of 1869, and to a considerable extent to the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, the Governor General and other distinguished visitors, as well as to the very favorable weather which occurred in the time of the exhibition. A statement is subjoined showing the number of entries and the amount of prizes awarded in each class.

(A comparative table was here submitted, showing the advance which had taken place in the exhibitions from their first institution to the present time.)

#### FINANCES.

The total amount received by the Treasurer during the year was \$34,527.76, and the total amount disbursed \$32,877.80, leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year of \$1,649.97, to the present date, including those ending on January first.

A suit has been instituted in the Court of Chancery to recover the amount due by the late Treasurer. Some evidence has been taken, and the day appointed for the hearing.

A claim of Mr. Glackmeyer of \$1,000, for expenses incurred by him in entertaining Prince Arthur during the Exhibition at London, has been paid since the first of January, 1870.

All the liabilities of the Association have been discharged, except the several amounts due of premiums in the year 1862, &c., which remain unclaimed.

No settlement has yet been concluded with the University authorities in reference to the value of the brick house on the late Experimental Farm, but arbitrators have been duly appointed to determine the value, and it is confidently anticipated that their award will be made, and the amount paid over to the Council at an early day.

The report was adopted, and it was decided to have fifteen hundred copies printed in pamphlet form.

A number of printing and other accounts were then presented and certified.

Moved by Mr. RYKERT, M.P.P., that the following be the Executive Committee for the year 1870: The President, Dr. Beatty, Rev. Mr. Burnett, Messrs. White, Gibbons, Graham and the mover.

After some discussion the motion was carried.

The Printing and other standing Committees for the current year were appointed. The reports of standing Committees were also read and adopted.

After a short discussion, on the motion of Mr. Wilson, the salary of the Treasurer for the current year was increased to five hundred dollars.

After the transaction of some minor details of business, the Board rose for the purpose of attending the opening of the Veterinary College.

The members of the Board returned to the Agricultural Hall, and business was resumed.

On motion of Mr. RYKERT, seconded by Mr. WHITE, it was decided to hold the Fall Show on the 3rd October next.

Mr. WALTON moved, seconded by Mr. COWAN, "That the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture at Washington, be respectfully requested to place the Council of the Agricultural Association of Ontario on his exchange lists for grain, seeds, &c., with the assurance that the Council of the Agricultural Association will have great pleasure in sending, from time to time, exchanges of all the varieties of grain, seed, &c., which may come into their possession."

After some discussion the resolution was carried.

The following letter from Hon. Mr. Carling was read:—

"OTTAWA, Feb. 22, 1870.

"SIR,—I beg to submit for your consideration whether a plan might not be adopted which would render the working of the affairs of the Agriculture and Arts Association more economical than at present, without in any degree lessening its efficiency. A valuable library of books relating to Agriculture and Arts is in possession of my department, and the Association also has a very good collection. These might be amalgamated and made more available and of greater use to the public than in the places which they occupy. The working expenses of the Association also seems to be very large, the "miscellaneous" items so much so as to create a general feeling of surprise. The room formerly used for the Legislative library is now unoccupied. It connects with the present Legislative library. The large portion of it might be fitted up for the united libraries, and the other portion as a meeting room for the Council and Committees of the Association. The joint libraries would be available for use by the members of the Legislative Assembly, during the sittings of the House, and would also be open at all times to the public for reading and reference. The person who would act as Secretary of the Association could also take charge of the library, whilst an officer of my department might act as Treasurer at a small addition to his present salary. This arrangement would be a great convenience, as both officers would then be accessible to the public at all times. The duties of messenger could no doubt be performed by the staff at present employed in the Parliament Buildings without any additional expense, so that the services of the messenger at present employed by the Association could be dispensed with. I have no doubt that, under the proposed arrangement the working expenses would be reduced at least one half. Besides