

Scrutineers of the ballot having been appointed, the election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows :—

President,.....HENRY BULMER.

Vice-PresidentGEO. A. DRUMMOND.

SecretaryA. A STEVENSON.

TreasurerN. B. CORSE.

Sub-Committee :—G. W. Weaver, David Brown, Alex. Murray, W. H. A. Davies, N. Valois, Dunbar Browne, J. B. Rolland, G. Frothingham, and F. B. Matthews.

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada have the honor to report, for the information of the Board,—

That upon their assumption of office they felt, as their predecessors had, the pressing necessity of adopting immediate action to secure the reduction and discharge of the liabilities incurred in the erection of the Exhibition Building, which has been an incubus for several years past, paralysing the efforts of the Board and circumscribing its operations, as without the necessary funds it was impossible to carry out the important work expected of it. Your Sub-Committee proceeded at once to lay before Government a statement of the position and liabilities of the Board, together with the claim for five years occupation of the Exhibition Building by the Government, for Militia purposes. Your Sub-Committee was led to believe that the amount of the contractor's mortgage would be paid and charged to the rent account of the Building; but notwithstanding the assurance thus given, no action was taken by the Government until the sixth day of November last, when the sum of four thou-