

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The Board met in the Agricultural Hall at 1 p.m. yesterday—Mr. Mallory, of Napanee, President, in the chair. The following members were also present—Hon. W. Skead, Mr. Rykert, M.P.P., Dr. Beatty, Rev. Dr. Burnett, Prof. Buckland, Messrs. Graham, Gibbons and White.

The minutes having been read, the Treasurer presented the

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Showing a balance on hand on January 5th amounting to \$1,649 97. The Auditors presented the following report respecting it:—

“We, your Auditors, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, both in abstract and detail, and find them kept in a most satisfactory manner. We have also examined the vouchers, and find them on comparison with the books to be correct.” There are some of the vouchers not yet returned. We find, however, that the several amounts have been sent to the parties by cheque, marked good by the bank. The balance in the bank book to the credit of the Association is the same as compared with the books, amounting to \$1,649 97. There is also an asset in his hands, a mortgage of \$800, given by Hugh C. Thompson, being for that amount which was a loan to the late Col. Thompson, being the amount given as a prize by the Prince of Wales.

“E. A. MACNACHTAN,
 “GEO. MORTON,
 “Auditors.”

The report was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received and read:—

From Harris & McGee, Barristers, London, Ont., respecting their account against the Board for engrossing three addresses to Prince Arthur during his visit to London; from the Entomological Society of Canada, informing the Board of a resolution of thanks passed at the last meeting of the Society in Toronto on the 14th December, 1869, for the grant of \$400 for the year 1870 made by the Board; from the Senate of the University of Toronto, informing the Board of the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Gundry; the annual report of the Ontario Poultry Association; several small accounts.

SHADE TREES.

The following resolution passed by the Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association at a meeting held in Hamilton on the 8th December, 1869, was also presented. “Resolved that the Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association recommend to the Board of Agriculture to take such steps as may to them seem advisable to induce the people to plant trees for shelter; and that our President is authorized to state to the Board that this Association is prepared to co operate with them in efforts to accomplish this object.

“D. W. BEADLY,
 “Secy. F. G. A. of Ont.”

The subject was deferred for further consideration to the next meeting.

CHEVALIER BARLEY.

Professor BUCKLAND submitted to the Council a statement from Messrs. Aldwell & Co., respecting the malting qualities of the Chevalier Barley grown by Hon. Geo. Brown, and urged the importance of giving this variety a full trial in different parts of the Province.

Several members expressed concurrence in the same. The following is the communication:—

WILLIAM STREET,

TORONTO, Dec. 1, 1869.

Statement:—Particulars of malting and brewing from barley received from Hon. Geo. Brown, and showing the difference, gravity, worts, produced from it and ordinary six-rowed grain.

WEIGHT OF TWO BUSHELS 95 LBS.

From my knowledge of Barley as a professional Brewer, I consider Mr. Brown's Barley was grown on over-rich soil, and that it is somewhat damaged by the wet weather, and probably laid for several days before being cut. It takes from 10 to 12 hours longer in steep than the Barley of the country, and on an average 2 days longer in the general process of malting.

I mashed and brewed from 104 bushels, which gave a gravity of 1,231 lbs., or 11½ per bushel; and from the same quantity of malt made from the Barley grown on this continent the gravity was 1,183 lbs. or 11¼ lbs. per bushel, making a difference in favour of the Chevalier Barley sent by Hon. Mr. Brown, of 48 lbs., or 4 per cent.

Statement:—Germination on malt floor from 750 grains of Mr. Brown's Barley—741 did not sprout—9.

750 grains 6-rowed—736 did not sprout—14.

WM. SCOTT,
 Brewer to Aldwell & Co.

The matter was deferred for further consideration.

GLACKMEYER'S ACCOUNT.

The subject of Mr. Glackmeyer's claim was next brought up. After a long discussion, Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Mr. GIBBONS, “That the Treasurer be instructed to pay Mr. Glackmeyer the sum of one thousand dollars, in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims against this Board for supplies furnished during the visit of the Prince, for carriage hire, and other expenses, and also for the use of his house, upon his furnishing a bond indemnifying the Board against any claims for or by reason thereof; said bond to be approved of by Messrs. Shipley, White and Gibbons.” Carried.

Moved by Hon. M. SKEAD, seconded by Mr. RYKERT, “That the Treasurer be authorized to hand the cheque for settlement of the Glackmeyer claim to the Special Committee appointed to take evidence, to be given up by them upon receipt of the necessary bond.” Carried.

Moved by Mr. RYKERT, seconded by Mr. GIBBONS, “That the Secretary procure for the Board a bond of indemnity in the penal sum of \$2,000, to be signed by Mr. Glackmeyer and his sureties.” Carried.

NEW SEEDS.

The subject of importing and testing new varieties of seeds was next introduced, and after a short discussion, it was moved by Mr. WALTON, seconded by Mr. GRAHAM, “That it is desirable that this Council take some steps to procure new seed from foreign countries, be it therefore resolved that the matter be considered at the next meeting of this Council.” Carried.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

In reply to a question contained in the communication from the Entomological Society, it was moved by Mr. RYKERT, seconded by Mr. BURNETT, “That the Secretary notify the Entomological Society that the report will not be required until about the 1st October; also, that the grant will be paid at the same time as the County Societies; also, that they will be furnished with room for their cabinet in the Agricultural Hall.” Carried.

SHADE TREES.

Dr. BEATTY moved the following resolution, “That this Council highly appreciates the value of the subject suggested by the communication from the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, viz., of planting shade trees by the rural Municipalities for protection against wind, and for preventing the diminution of rain fall; and this Council will adopt any scheme, having for its object the introducing and fostering any system for securing the general planting of shade trees throughout the Province; and that the societies be instructed, if possible, to ascertain what system has been adopted in any of the neighbouring States for the purpose.” Carried.

After a short discussion respecting the communication from the Poultry Association, it was laid over for further consideration at the next meeting, and the Board rose for recess at 5:30 p.m.

The Council met again at half past seven o'clock, the same members who were present in the morning being present also in the evening. A number of unimportant subjects were brought up and discussed, the more important ones being left over for consideration at the next meeting.

THE PRESIDENT.

The business of the Council having all been transacted, the Chairman said, this being the last meeting of the Board, his term of office expired with it. According to the agreement last year, some other member should now be elected as President.

Mr. RYKERT moved, seconded by Prof. BUCKLAND, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the President for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office; that it is a matter of regret that any arrangement should have been arrived at, whereby our President cannot again offer himself for re-election.

Dr. BEATTY concurred in the sentiment expressed by the resolution, and thought the rule a rather absurd one which prevented the most competent man from being re-elected. Mr. Mallory had only time to learn the duties of his office rightly when he was compelled to vacate the chair. While acknowledging the necessity to submit to the agreement arrived at last year, he hoped a better arrangement will be made for the ensuing year.

The motion was then carried, and the meeting adjourned at two o'clock.