



**GENERAL REPORT, &c.,**

OF THE

**NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY,**

FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF

**Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce,**

THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.

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“Agriculture feeds us, to a great extent it clothes us; without it we could not have manufactures, and we should not have commerce. These all stand together, but they stand together like pillars in a cluster, the largest in the centre, and that largest is agriculture.”—*Hon. Daniel Webster.*

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factures and Commerce, throughout the Province.*

SIR EDMUND W. HEAD, BART., PATRON.

The Annual Meeting of this Society at the County Court House on Wednesday the 8th instant, continued by the Meeting on New Year's day, was held agreeably to adjournment. The President took the chair, and pursuant to notice given at the meeting in October last, moved an alteration in the third article of the Constitution by reducing the additional number of the Executive Committee from twelve to five, and the Quorum from five to three, which alterations were seconded and unanimously adopted, agreeably also to notice, he moved an alteration in the sixth article of the Constitution, by doing away with the June and October Meetings which were seconded and agreed to. The President then, as Chairman of the Executive Committee submitted an annual report of the Society's doings for the information of the public, which was received with approbation and ordered to be printed, of which the following is a Copy:—

GENTLEMEN,—At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of this Society it was suggested that as Chairman of the Executive Committee I should prepare the annual report and address, before laying down the office which I have the honor to hold in the Society. I can hardly say that I have had sufficient leisure to do this in detail, but fortunately, great part of it was already done to my hand in the first report of the Society published in July last. After that Report was published it was generally distributed throughout the Country, and at the same time occasion was taken to solicit subscriptions in aid of the Society: Mr. Kerr, whose professional duties took him into most of the Counties, called public meetings in almost all of them and organized local Committees in some of them for co-operating with the parent Society. By that means, and by subsequent correspondence with the local Committees, upwards of £100 have been collected, and the Provincial Grant of £200 made contingently to the collection of £100 by private subscription has been secured. Our expenditure for the last year (chiefly for printing) as will be seen by the Treasurer's report just submitted, has amounted to £52 10s 1d and the balance now to the credit of the Society amounts to £247 9s 11d.

An abstract of the proceedings at the various County meetings is given below, and this will be heard with pleasure by all interested in the Society.

ALBERT.—A meeting was held at Hopewell on the 19th of July, T. Gilbert, Esq. V. P., Chairman, and T. B. Moore, Esq., Secretary. Mr. Kerr and various gentlemen addressed the meeting regarding the objects and constitution of this Society,—whereupon Resolutions were passed in favor thereof, and highly commending its published Reports:—A subscription list was opened, £5 were immediately subscribed and Col. S. Clark has since paid contributions to amount of £3 5s.

WESTMORLAND.—A meeting was held in the Temperance Hall of Dorchester on the 26th of July. Hon. E. B. Chandler, Chairman, and Dr. C. S. Theal, Secretary. After various addresses, resolutions were passed commendatory of the Society, and a subscription was opened to aid in carrying out its objects: the subscriptions received amount to £2 5s.

KENT.—Owing to an unusual press of business before the Court in Circuit at Richibucto it was found impossible during Mr. Kerr's stay in that place to get an evening disengaged for a public meeting and consequently nothing was done at that time: Mr. Layton subsequently reports that the County Agricultural Society has declined to make any grant of money to this Society, as this was the first year of their existence, and their funds were required for local purposes. He remits 5s as his own subscription.

RESTIGOUCHE.—A Meeting was held in the Court house at Dalhousie on the 27th of August, of which D. Stewart, Esq., V. P. was chairman, and James S. Morse, Esq., Secretary. Mr. Kerr addressed the meeting on behalf of the Society, and after several speeches by gentlemen of the County, resolutions were passed in favor of the society, and highly commending the measures adopted by it for the general welfare of the Province. A subscription list was opened, and contributions to the amount of £6 5s have been paid to the Treasurer. The secretary of the County Agricultural Society subsequently announced that that body declines subscribing to the Society on account of the difficulty of collecting their own funds: he offers however to co-operate and afford all needful information.

GLOUCESTER.—A meeting was held in Bathurst Court House on the 5th of September, of which F. Ferguson Esq. V. P. was chairman, and T. Desbrisay, Esq. Secretary. Mr. Kerr addressed the meeting in explanation of the objects of the Society and urged the importance of improving the manufacture of cloth in that section of the Country; resolutions were subsequently passed in approval of the objects and constitution of the Society; a committee was appointed to co-operate and promote the interests of the Society in the County and to collect and remit subscriptions: Contributions received £6 5s. Rev. Geo. Macdonell on behalf of the local Committee subsequently announces that a Fulling mill is their chief object of local importance, and that a committee had been appointed to collect more information concerning it. He further suggests that appropriations to local Societies in proportion to their subscriptions would

answer best; He also thinks that the Society would be the proper party to collect materials for transmission to the great Industrial Exhibition of 1851.

**NORTHUMBERLAND.**—A meeting was held in the Mechanics Institute of Chatham on the 14th September; Geo. Kerr, Esq., Chairman, and Mr. J. Macdougall, Secretary. Mr. D. S. Kerr's address and explanation of the Society's proceedings were very warmly received, and it was afterwards resolved unanimously "that the objects contemplated by the Society are of vital importance to the welfare of the Province and demand the best exertions of every lover of his Country to promote and extend those great sources of National wealth and prosperity." An influential Committee was appointed to promote the interests of the County, and to ascertain what species of manufactures it was desirable to establish and promote in that locality. Subscriptions reported by Mr. McDougal £2 10s.

A meeting was likewise held in the Court House of Newcastle on the 10th of September of which J. A. Street M. P. P. was chairman, and E. Williston, Secretary. Mr. Kerr having brought the objects of the Society fully before their notice, a committee was appointed to draft a series of resolutions, and the meeting adjourned: at the adjourned meeting on the 12th, thanks were voted to Mr. Kerr, and a Resolution was passed highly approving of the Society "embracing, as it does, three distinct branches, which have a mutual tendency to strengthen and promote each other, and which are all essentially connected with the welfare of the Province:" a committee was appointed to collect subscriptions and to promote the objects of the Society in that locality, to co-operate with other committees in the County, and to collect information in regard to the establishment of a Carding, Fulling, and Dying manufactory for woolen stuffs under encouragement from the Society.

Subscriptions to the amount of £2 10s have been since reported but not received.

**CARLETON.**—A meeting was held in the School House of Woodstock on the evening of Monday the 24th September, of which C. Perley Esq., V. P. was chairman, and E. Jacob Esq., Secretary.

Various patriotic addresses were made by the gentlemen present—after which the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this meeting, it is the duty of the inhabitants of this Province to encourage and promote every effort to render our people independent of Foreign aid, by supporting every reasonable attempt to manufacture within the Province those articles of common use for which at present we are obliged to Foreign aid, enterprise and skill.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this meeting the means of general improvement recommended by the New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of agriculture Home Manufactures and Commerce, are well calculated to promote the objects of the Society,

and that the said Society, is well deserving of public confidence and support.

*Resolved.* That the thanks of this meeting be given to D. S. Kerr, Esq., for the address which he had made to the meeting and for his zealous efforts in the cause of Agriculture.

On the 26th of the same month Mr. Kerr addressed the inhabitants of Jackson-town, and was ably supported by J. Dibblee, Esq., and others from the neighbourhood. The best feelings towards the society were evinced and promises of aid and co-operation freely tendered.

H. E. Dibblee, Esq., has subsequently remitted the sum of £11, of which £5 were granted by the County Society, and £6 collected by private subscription. The Society's grant was made on the understanding that an appropriation of double the amount will be made from the New Brunswick Society to the County society, in aid of some local object to be hereafter determined. "The reports of the society are eagerly sought for in that quarter," Mr. Dibblee observes, and a further supply is requested to be made. The materials for manure abound in that County, but he remarks that "the farmers lack the knowledge to apply them." Mr. J. Dibblee in a letter dated Oct. 21, suggests that encouragement should be held out by the society for the manufacturer of cloth, and of farming implements at or near Fredericton; the same gentleman further suggests that a cheap agricultural journal should be freely disseminated among the farmers if possible, and that the desire for agricultural information is fast gaining ground in the County of Carleton.

**SUNBURY.**—A meeting was held at Majorville on the 19th Oct. G. Hayward, Esq., M. P. P. in the chair: Mr. Kerr explained the plans and object of the society. These explanations were favorably received and Mr. Hatheway V. P. has reported contributions to the amount of £1 10.

**CHARLOTTE.**—A meeting was held in the Town Hall on the 29th Oct. whereof Hon. H. Hatch, V. P. was chairman, and Mr. A. T. Paul, Secretary. Mr. Kerr explained the objects of the Society, and after sundry addresses by the gentlemen present, resolutions were passed concerning the objects and constitution of the Society, the leading principles of which must have a direct tendency to promote the best interests of the Province." A subscription list was opened, and a local committee appointed to carry out the objects of the society. The subscriptions from this County amounting to £10 or £12 reported but not yet received.

**St. JOHN.**—By invitation of R. Jardine, Esq., President of the County Agricultural Society, Mr. Kerr addressed that body in their Rooms at St. John on the 28th Nov: Resolutions favourable to the Society were passed, and a grant of £20 was generously made in aid of our subscriptions.

**YORK.**—By the kindness of the citizens of Fredericton, the members of the Legislature and others whose names will be published, we are

enabled to report subscriptions and donations to the amount of about £45, of which £5 were presented by the Patron of the Society, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

A very gratifying meeting was held at the school house in the Harvey Settlement on the 31st of October, of which Mr. R. Wilson was Chairman and Mr. J. Thomson secretary. Mr. Kerr addressed the meeting in regard to the objects and constitution of the society, and distributed Reports which were very gratefully received: Resolutions in favour of Farmer's Clubs and local meetings for the discussion of their own wants and objects were passed, and further aid requested from the society.

No meetings were held in King's, Queen's, or Victoria Counties, and no contributions have as yet been reported from thence.

On the whole then, it is obvious that the society has had the approval of the Friends of Agriculture, and Home Manufactures throughout the Province, who have signified that sentiment in a way not to be mistaken, and enabled it to meet the rather severe test to which the principles of the association were submitted by the Provincial Legislature at its first establishment.

As there may be some difficulty in collecting the sum of £100 so soon after this last year's quest, it may probably be deemed advisable to petition the Legislature at this approaching session to make some modification of the terms upon which the Provincial allowance is made to us: it would also be desirable to have the names on all of the subscription lists printed in full with the next report of the Society; and that we should faithfully redeem whatever pledges may have been made to the various local committees or County Agricultural associations. Public inspection should be freely invited, and public co-operation most earnestly invoked. Our great permanent and abiding interest as a people has been too long overlooked or sacrificed to others. It is high time that an united effort should be made to secure *our own food and clothing from our own soil*, and until this can be done, and proved to be generally practicable, it is hardly worth while to invite new immigrants to make this Colony their home. At the meeting in April last sundry special committees were appointed which have not yet sent in any Reports: this is easily understood when we consider how our proceedings were dependant upon the state of the subscription lists. From unavoidable circumstances these could not be made up until lately, and hereafter we may expect the Reports in question which would be of great public utility.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to leave the Provincial Grant of £200 and the balance of the subscribed funds of the Society unappropriated for the action of the new office bearers of the Society; by hastily appropriating the monies of the Society they might have been misappropriated, but if the income of the ensuing year, was as large as that of the year just closed, there will remain in the hands of this Society a very considerable sum, and which if properly administered may very beneficially influence the cause of Agriculture, Home Manufacture

and Commerce among us; I would venture to suggest that the new Executive Committee should at once take up the subject of the proposed expenditure for the year, and submit their plans specifically for the consideration and approval of the general meeting to be held in Fredericton during the sitting of the Assembly.

The difficulty in that case probably would be to see that persons unqualified to vote did not do so: this, however, might be got over by getting the contributors to the Society's funds in the respective Counties to empower and instruct a delegate (who might be probably a member of the Legislature) to speak and vote on the appropriations: by some such means the united wisdom of the Province might be brought to bear directly upon the encouragement most required for Agriculture, Home Manufactures, and Commerce: this would also give the management of the Society into the hands of gentlemen from every different section of the country, and in fact make it a Provincial institution.

In the neighbouring States, and in some Countries of Europe there is a bureau or department of the Government for the special superintendence of Agricultural matters. I should indeed rejoice to see such an office in this Province, and should augur the best results from its institution, but in the mean time, until we have such a thing, some general association such as our own for the purpose of directing, stimulating, and promoting by every legitimate method these great interests seem to be imperatively required.

The great majority of our population are and ever must be dependent upon *the land* for their subsistence; when the lumber trade fails, as in time, it will inevitably fail—we must then settle down steadily to Agriculture: in our devotion to lumbering hitherto, we have neglected farming and it is high time that another generation should be rescued from that ignorance of Agriculture as an art and a science—which forces our farming population into the woods and too often keeps them there slaves to an unprofitable employment.

The contingencies of the lumber trade are so great that success in it can hardly be deemed more than a matter of chance; probably however it is this very uncertainty which gives it its zest, for, as Mr. Fox remarked of gambling, “next to the pleasure of winning there is no pleasure so great as that of losing.”

Farmers in most countries have a proverbial dislike for book farming, but this prejudice gives way as general enlightenment proceeds, and the results of practices different from their own can be fairly examined: this Society, then, should, I think, urge most strenuously upon the Legislature to strike at the root of this degrading ignorance: Agricultural reading should be provided for every school in the Country, and an Agricultural education should be provided for a population who have come expressly to get their living by and from the soil. The want of this Agricultural element in the education of a country like this would argue that their rulers were as averse to book farming as the farmers of the old schools themselves. We hope yet to see the day when the elements of Agriculture will form



more or less a part of the teaching of every common school, Grammar School and College supported by public money in New Brunswick. Special Agricultural schools and model farms should we conceive also have early and liberal encouragement. It may seem to be the interest of the commercial portion of the community to keep our young men ignorant of the dignity and the duties of the Farmer, and to send as many of them as possible into the lumber woods, but experience has shown that most commonly the farm itself falls into the hands of the merchant, to whom however it is valueless; if he had fifty or a hundred of them he would be no richer, for land here is only valuable to the farmer, and very few in this country will ever think it worth their while to become tenants on other men's land. The strong, the great and paramount interest of this country must therefore ever be the Agricultural interest.

This Society might also usefully apply itself to the collection of Agricultural statistics. We want to know the actual state of the Agriculture in every country and to keep pace with its progress and development from year to year: the Agricultural Societies might render more complete accounts of this kind in their annual reports to the Legislature, and there ought to be an annual abstract of digest or the reports of the several Counties so as to give a commanding view of the state of the whole: we think that the duty of making such a digest might properly be committed by the Legislature to this association.

The subject of a Show and Fair is an important one and demands the most serious attention of the Society: It would be very desirable that one should be held in 1851, although the charge connected with it might be considerable. The bringing of men together for a purpose purely Agricultural—the prominence which the object thereby assumes in the eyes of the public—the comparison of results—the communication of methods—the friendly counsel—the wholesome stimulus of encouragement and competition—all these powerfully tell in favour of advancement—and from year to year the improvement proceeds. There are none I believe who doubt the effect which the Industrial Exhibition to be holden in London will have upon the arts whose progress it has been designed both to attest and improve. It is a matter of great regret that so little has been done in regard to an exhibition of the resources of this Colony at that great show and fair. A Commissioner has been recently appointed to forward such materials as may be designed for the Exhibition in London, but the time allowed is now too short to do justice to the project, and a considerable sum of money and some special encouragement might have been advantageously applied in furtherance of this object; as early as the month of May last this Society, in reply to a communication from the Executive Government, stated that "it was prepared to do all in their power to assist in carrying out so desirable an object" and respectfully requested "to know particularly how and to what extent the machinery of the Society could be rendered available in the case." On the 8th of July, however, it was announced

officially "that the Government had no farther communication to make on the subject," whereupon the matter dropped. I am opinion that we ought to have put the evidence whereon we rest our statements as to the great natural resources of this Province into that Court, and stood by the decision: the Canadians have come nobly forward, and undoubtedly, the substantial proofs of wealth in raw and manufactured materials which they have sent to England will tell most materially in their favor. In that great Exhibition of Industry are the 1500 cubic feet of space reserved for New Brunswick to remain a blank?

But to come from great things to small we have ever held that public Markets tell effectually upon Agricultural improvement; and it is a disgrace to the Seat of Government that she has none. A regular Market on certain specified days of the week, to which all farmers should be obliged to bring their produce for sale, would tend very greatly to improve the quality of that produce: no good farmer could refuse to show his, and the bad one would find it to his interest to adopt improved methods. Time would be saved both to the dealer and consumer and the farmer would rise from the position of a pedlar or hawker to the dignity of a merchant. Should a public dinner in connection with this Society take place during the session of the Legislature it would probably tend to draw all the friends of the cause more closely together, to elicit such information and discussion as could not otherwise be obtained, and to deliver a verdict upon the improvement of the Agricultural produce for the year. It will be matter of gratification to the writers of the various reports already published by the Society to know they have been most warmly "welcomed everywhere and characterised as the very thing the Country wanted." One thousand copies were printed, of which 700 have been distributed; fifty copies were burnt in the late calamitous fire, and 250 remain for distribution. From all quarters there are demands for more and probably two or three times the number might still be distributed with advantage. Every member of the Society should properly have had a copy, and this must be attended to in future; the funds of the Society cannot be better expended than in disseminating information; "Line upon line and precept upon precept" are required; slowly the good seed takes root and slowly the fruit is matured; we have the fullest assurance that the desire for information and improvement is becoming general among farmers, and every one who aids them must be regarded as the true friend of his country. A series of useful papers original or selected on the subject most required for the country at present should be prepared by the Society, and distributed—even gratuitously in every quarter. It is very gratifying to know that already the suggestions of the committee on manures are being adopted in different places throughout the Province, and ere long we hope that the principles therein inculcated will be thoroughly and familiarly known to every young agriculturist in the country. A valuable report on immigration by C. L. Hatheway, Esq. V. P., is also recommended for early publica-

tion; and there will be work enough for the new Executive Committee in carrying out practically the suggestions contained in that or the other reports now published. Premiums should also be offered to parties who most completely develop the improvement suggested by Professor Johnston or contained in the Society's Reports. We may be permitted also to express our great gratification at the marks and expressions of confidence reposed in this Society by the County Agricultural Societies. Unity of action among the friends of Agriculture is most especially to be desired at this time, and without desiring in any way to control the County Societies we do think that an alliance with them would be for our mutual advantage. The sphere is wide enough and we ought together to form one harmonious whole.

In conclusion, I must congratulate the members of this Society on the position which they have now gained, and to express my hope and belief, that, starting from their new vantage ground they may be able in a short time to give a decided *impetus* to the good cause of Agriculture, Home Manufactures, and Commerce in New Brunswick.

J. ROBB, M. D.,

*Chairman of the Executive Committee.*

The Society next proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the present year which were chosen as follows:—

Hon. Neville Parker, Master of the Rolls, President.  
 Robert Chestnut, Esq., Vice President for York in Fredericton.  
 Thomas Jones, Esq., Vice President for York in the country.  
 Robert Jardine, Esq., Vice President for St. John.  
 Hon. Harris Hatch, Vice President for Charlotte.  
 Calvin L. Hatheway, Vice President for Sunbury.  
 Rev. N. A. Coster, Vice President for Queens.  
 Rev. W. E. Scovil, Vice President for Kings.  
 Hon. Amos E. Botsford, Vice President for Westmoreland.  
 Hon. John W. Weldon, Vice President for Kent.  
 Francis Ferguson, Esq., Vice President for Gloucester.  
 Dugald Stewart, Esq., Vice President for Restigouche.  
 Harry E. Dibblee, Esq., Vice President for Carleton.  
 Leonard R. Coombs, Esq., Vice President for Victoria.  
 Col. Samuel Clark, Vice President for Albert.  
 Rev. W. Henderson, Vice President for Northumberland.  
 Dr. J. Robb, Corresponding Secretary.  
 Robert Fulton, Esq., Recording Secretary.  
 Joseph Gaynor, Esq., Treasurer.

Additional members.—Mr. Wm. Watts, Senior, David S. Kerr, John A. Beckwith, John Gregory, and John C. Allan, Esquires.

In the course of the Meeting the following resolutions and special committees were adopted and appointed.

1st. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society, are due to its distinguished Patron Sir Edmund W. Head, as also to its Presidents, Vice Presidents, office bearers, and to its various contributors and

supporters in the respective Counties in the Province for the handsome manner in which they have sustained the Society from its commencement to the present time,—the Society hopes to prove itself deserving of these favours and solicits a continuance of such valuable support.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society are justly due and are hereby tendered to the respective gentlemen, who have rendered their prompt and valuable services in making the reports now published, on various important subjects connected with the welfare of the Province and the Society respectfully solicits the continuance of these valuable labors.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the executive committee do without delay exert their efforts to obtain donations and subscriptions for the Society in order to obtain the Provincial Grant for the present year.

4th. *Resolved*, That the executive Committee prepare and submit a petition to the Government setting forth the impossibility of judiciously extending the Provincial Grant of last year without an extension of time, owing to the lateness of receiving it, and praying further time for such expenditure.

5th. *Resolved*, That the executive Committee prepare and submit a petition to the respective branches of the Legislative, at the opening of the session praying for a Provincial Grant, on less restrictive terms than now given, and that a special Grant of money be left at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Society's use provided it be found practical to hold a show and fair the present year, also that the Legislature will pass the Bill prepared and submitted by this Society last session to regulate the putting up of beef and pork within the Province for exportation.

6th. *Resolved*, That the corresponding Secretary do forthwith, correspond with the office bearers of this Society in different parts of the Province as also with the Presidents of County agricultural Societies and other individuals with the view of inquiring whether in their opinion there be any particular subject or subjects deserving the immediate attention of this Society and if so whether such person or persons will consent to be named on a special committee at any meeting of this Society to enquire and report on such subject at a subsequent meeting, and that the corresponding Secretary do report his doings to this Society.

7th. *Resolved*, That the corresponding Secretary collect the different subscription lists—alphabetically arrange the names of the subscribers under the head of the respective Counties where they reside and have the same published and distributed.

8th. *Resolved*, That the respective special Committees appointed on various subjects, who have not yet reported, be continued, and that the Executive Committee do urge them to send in their reports without delay.

9th. *Resolved*, That the executive Committee do forthwith take the necessary steps to obtain a small library for the Society's use, especially of such books as may afford the most practical knowledge for dissemination not to exceed £10.

10. *Resolved*, That the publishers of Newspapers in Fredericton and other parts of the Province are respectfully requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting as may be furnished to the first publisher by the Recording Secretary and that 50 extra copies of the *Amaranth*, the *Head Quarters*, and the *Reporter*, respectively, containing such proceedings, be supplied to this Society for distribution.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. *Resolved*, That Dr. Robb, corresponding Secretary, and Robert Jardine, Esq., Vice President for St. John, be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the Meeting in April next, on the utility and effect of thorough and other draining of lands in this Country, as also on the most cheap and practical mode adapted to the circumstances of this Province, of doing the same.

2. *Resolved*, That James S. Beek, and John A. Beckwith, Esqrs., be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the Meeting in April next, on the advantages to be gained by a proper rotation of crops in connexion with well managed farms, and the best modern modes of doing the same.

3. *Resolved*, That Mr. Robert Gray, and Mr. Wm. Dayton be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society, on or before the meeting in April next, on the completeness, economy, and management of barns and stables in this Province.

4. *Resolved*, That David S. Kerr, and A. T. Coburn, Esqrs. be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the meeting in April next on the utility and best modes of giving encouragement to settlers on new-land farms, and to the occupying and clearing up of wilderness lands.

5. *Resolved*, That John T. Smith and James M<sup>c</sup>Adam be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the meeting in April next, and submit plans and estimates for the erection of a Woolen Factory, in any suitable place in this Province, where the same may be carried on with advantage, together with the most appropriate dimensions, the amount of capital required for such erection—as also the number of labourers—the amount of their wages and the additional capital required per annum for the efficient carrying on of said factory; also the amount of the manufactured article produced and the available demand or market therefor.

6. *Resolved*, That the Vice President for St. John, the corresponding secretary, John A. Beckwith, William Watts, senior, Hon. W. H. O'Dell, and Mr. Thomas R. Barker be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the meeting in April next, whether a Provincial show and fair can be held in the Province with advantage, during the present year, and if so, the time place and manner of holding the same and the probable expense thereof, and with the view of eliciting further information,

the subject be brought into discussion, at the meeting to be held during the sitting of the Legislature.

7. *Resolved*, That his Honor the President of this Society, and the corresponding secretary be a special Committee to enquire and report to this Society on or before the Meeting in April next, on the importance, as well as on the most practical and effective modes of disseminating useful information, in furtherance of agriculture, home manufactures, and commerce in this Province.

ROBERT FULTON, *Recording Secretary*.

*Resolved in Executive Committee*, That the Provincial Grant for 1850 be left unappropriated until brought into discussion at the General Meeting to be held during the sitting of the Legislature in 1851, and that the Executive Committee shall submit a scale of appropriations then at the said Meeting.