

# AGRICULTURAL REVIEW.

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## Official Dep't.

### BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR LOWER CANADA.

Quebec, 9th April, 1862.

Present:—Hon. L. V. Sicotte, president; O. E. Casgrain, vice-president; Hon. Messrs. Archambeault, Tessier, Turcotte; Messrs. J. C. Taché, B. Pomroy, F. Ossaye, professor of agriculture; Rev. F. Pilotte, professor of agriculture.

The president takes the chair, and the secretary gives the report of proceedings of last meeting.

The president is authorised by the board to report to the minister of agriculture on the organisation, according to law, of the different county agricultural societies.

The president informs the board that he has presented to government their resolution respecting the encouragement to be given to the cultivation of flax, and that the three scutching machines imported for Lower Canada have been ordered to St. Ann's of Kamouraska, Sherbrooke and Montreal.

The president is authorised to offer one of these machines to the Jacques Cartier agricultural society.

The board resolves that the provincial exhibition will take place at Sherbrooke on the 17, 18 and 19 September next. That they will appropriate a sum of \$3,000 for this exhibition, provided Sherbrooke will subscribe \$2,000, with the necessary grounds. All receipts by entries, or sale of tickets, will belong to the board.

Resolved,—That Messrs. Pomroy and Ossaye be a committee to superintend, direct and arrange all matters connected with the construction of the necessary buildings and fittings on the exhibition grounds, in connection with the local committee.

Resolved,—That Messrs. Pomroy, Taché and Ossaye be a committee to prepare the prize list, to be published immediately.

Resolved,—That the \$2,000 to be paid by the Town of Sherbrooke be placed to the order

of the board of agriculture, and employed by the order of the committee only.

The president is authorised to confer with the minister of agriculture, so as to obtain such advances of money for the purchase of improved stock, as the agricultural societies are entitled to by this year's grant.

Mr. Ossaye laid before the board a correspondence between himself and the St. Sulpice seminary, which is filed into the records of the office. A committee of the president, Messrs. Taché and Ossaye is appointed to take the proposition into consideration, and meet the superior of the seminary on the subject.

Resolved,—That in case Mr. Ossaye should visit the continent, the president be authorised to give him a letter of introduction to the minister of agriculture in France, and to the president of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Resolved,—That the president, Mr. Ossaye and the secretary be appointed a committee to rent the rooms necessary for the offices and meetings of the board.

Resolved,—That to increase the circulation of the official journal of the agricultural board and societies, a copy for the year 1862-3 shall be given as part of the prizes awarded to the successful competitors at the provincial exhibition for the present year; and that the members appointed to prepare the prize list be authorized to attend to the matter.

On the proposition of Mr. Ossaye it is resolved that the board of agriculture recognises the necessity of establishing in this country, a system of credit foncier, for the encouragement of agriculture.

And the board adjourned.

By order,

GEORGE LEOLERE, Ass. Sec.

The Offices of the Board of Agriculture have been removed to No. 109 Craig Street, corner of Chenneville.