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of the fruit-growers' association be as follows: Messrs. Browning (president), Beaubien, Massue, Casgrain and Gauthier. Carried.

The council approved the report of the committee of the fruit-growers' association recommending that a sum of \$50.00 be paid to the Society of Missisquoi for the year 1879.

Mr. Marsan, seconded by Mr. Casgrain, moved: That the committee for the amendment of the *Agricultural Act* be as follows: Messrs. G. Ouimet (president), L. H. Massue, J. M. Browning, Revd. S. Tassé, and those members of the council who form part of the *Legislature* of the province. Carried.

The council adjourned till 2 p. m.

### Session of 2 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, Gauthier, Guilbault, Massue, Ouimet, Pilote, Somerville and Tassé.

The Secretary read the reports, for the year 1880, of the agricultural schools of St. Anne, L'Assomption and St. Francis, together with the report of the School of Veterinary Surgery of Montreal.

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Pilote, moved. That the reports of the Agricultural Schools and of the Veterinary School just read, be received, and that the Council of Agriculture recognize, with pleasure, the punctuality with which these schools have conformed to the demands of the council by transmitting the different reports within the allotted time: That the Agricultural School of St. Francis be invited to complete its report by a more detailed statement of accounts. Carried.

The rules for the competition for the best cultivated farms, as revised at the meeting of the council on the 31st of last March, were read.

Mr. Guilbault, seconded by Mr. Blackwood, moved: That the rules governing the competitions for the best cultivated farms, as revised and sanctioned by the council, be definitively adopted; and that, as the competitions are to take place next year, the rules be printed and distributed to agricultural Societies between the present time and the 1st of January next. Carried.

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Ouimet, moved: That this council regrets that the Government has thought it necessary to refuse to sanction a resolution adopted by the council, almost unanimously, on the 14th January, 1880, forbidding agricultural societies to offer prizes for bulls *not thorough-bred*: That the opinion of the council was sustained on the 30th of March last, on the occasion of a demand made by the Agricultural Society of the county of Quebec; that, on the 31st of the same month, the question was brought afresh before the council, by the hon. J. J. Ross, was discussed minutely, and it was decided to maintain the decision of the council, only two members having voted against the motion. Under these circumstances, the Council of Agriculture, still believing that it is for the benefit of Agriculture and for the advantage of farmers, that this rule should be put into operation, suggest to the Government that it might, perhaps, reconsider its decision, and give its approbation to this measure of the Council, which has already been appreciated and adopted by many of the Agricultural Societies. That Messrs. Ouimet, Massue and Browning be appointed a committee to submit the present resolution to the Government, and to come to an understanding, on this subject, with the Committee of Agriculture of the Local House, at the opening of its next session.

This motion having been put to the vote was carried on the following division:

For: Messrs. Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, Guilbault, Marsan, Ouimet and Tassé (8).

Against: Messrs. Gaudet and Gauthier (2).

Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Casgrain, moved: That the Agricultural societies be allowed to omit holding their competitions for the best cultivated farms this year (1881), on condition that they employ their funds in the purchase of breeding animals of pure race; these

### (Translation)

#### Deliberations of the Council of Agriculture.

[Copy of the report of a committee of the honourable executive council, dated January 19th 1881, approved by the lieutenant-governor, January 24th 1881.]

*On the approbation of certain resolutions adopted by the Council of Agriculture.*

The honourable Commissioner of Agriculture and public Works, in a report dated 19th January, 1881, states, that having taken into consideration the report of the proceedings of the Council of Agriculture, at its two sessions of November 24th 1880, he recommends that the resolutions adopted by the said council be approved and sanctioned, excepting, nevertheless, the last resolution but one, inserted in the said report, which must be the object of farther consideration before it can be approved.

The committee concurs in the above report, and submits it to the approbation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Certified,

FÉLIX FORTIER, Clerk Ex. Coun.

#### COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Montreal, Nov. 24th 1880.

Present: MM Beaubien, Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, Gaudet, Gauthier, Guilbault, Massue, Marsan, Ouimet, Pilote and Somerville

The secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting of the council, which were adopted.

Mr. Browning seconded by the Rev Mr Pilote, moved That Mr Massue be re-elected president, and hon. Mr Gaudet vice-president, of the Council for next year. Carried.

Mr. Guilbault, seconded by Mr Benoit, moved That the following gentlemen form the executive committee:

Messrs J. M. Browning, (president), A. Somerville, L. H. Massue, L. Beaubien, P. B. Benoit, A. Casavant. Carried.

Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr Gaudet, moved that the visiting committee of the Agricultural Schools be as follows Messrs. Ouimet, Browning and Beaubien.

Mr. Pilote, seconded by Mr Marsan, moved in amendment: That the visiting committee of the agricultural schools be as follows:

Messrs Ouimet, (president), Blackwood, Gaudet, Benoit, and Beaubien, of whom three shall form a *quorum*.

This amendment put to the vote was carried on the following division

For: Messrs. Casgrain, Gauthier, Guilbault, Massue, Ouimet and Pilote (6)

Against: Messrs Benoit, Browning, Gaudet and Somerville (4).

The principal motion being put was lost on the same division

Mr Pilote, seconded by Mr Somerville, moved: That the committee