

to hear of these clubs holding *Parish Exhibitions*, as allowed by law as well as by the regulations of the Council. But the law has not entrusted to the Council the funds necessary for such an object. This resolution was passed in reply to the request of the Ste-Rose Club

Proposed by the Hon. J. W. Joly, seconded by the Hon. G. Ouimet, and carried.

24. That according to the law—clause 1615a of the revised statutes—it appears that the Competition of Agricultural Merit is to take place over the whole province at the same time; and seeing that the extent of the country is very great, that the seasons and the climate vary immensely, and that a sufficient number of competent judges capable of getting through such a great amount of work at one time would be difficult to find; the Council respectfully advises that the law be so altered that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorised to divide the province into a certain number of agricultural districts, and to devote one year to the competition in each of them.

25. Proposed by M. Rocheleau, seconded by the Hon. L. Sylvestre, and carried: That a committee composed of the President, the Vice-president, Messrs. Blackwood, Marsan, Ness, and E. Casgrain be appointed to assist the Commissioner in carrying out the law concerning the provincial competition.

26. Resolved, that the Council invite Drs McEachran and Couture to be present at all future meetings of the Council.

27. Resolved, that as the Témiscouata Society does not wish to run the risk of buying and keeping a stallion on its own account, while a certain number of the members of the said Society are willing, for the benefit of the farmers of the said county, to run such risk, that the said Society be authorised to pay to the aforesaid members the sum of six-hundred dollars, less 18% on \$400.00, for three years, on condition that they subscribe a special sum sufficient, with the share of the government grant it shall obtain, to cover the said sum of six hundred dollars, less the 18% on \$400.00, on condition that the said proprietors of the said stallion shall conform to the regulations of the Society and of the Council.

28. The hour of 1 P. M. then approaching, it was resolved to adjourn till 7.30 P. M., in order to give the members an opportunity of visiting Col. Rhodes' farm, and the farm of the RR. DD. of the Hospital of the Sacred-Heart at Lorette.

The Council re-assembled; the President in the chair.

29. Proposed by Mr. Blackwood, seconded by M. Ouimet, and carried:

That the Council would see with pleasure the appointment of inspectors of creameries and cheese-factories for the different places in which the dairy industry is in operation, as is the custom in the province of Ontario, where the practice has had the effect of considerably increasing the value of cheese and butter.

Proposed by the Hon. J. W. Joly, seconded by the Hon. G. Ouimet, and carried:

30. That the Council is of opinion that the spring is the most favorable season for holding the festival of ANNOX DAY, since the planting of trees in spring gives them a better chance of growing than does autumn planting.

31. Resolved, that the members of the Council, before separating, seize this opportunity of thanking the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture for affording them an opportunity of visiting his splendid establishment, as well as the farm of the RR. DD. of the Sacred-Heart at Lorette and their establishment in the city.

32. Resolved, that the Agricultural Societies of Saguenay and Gaspé, be allowed to dispense with the production of the certificate required for holding a competition of stallions and Canadian cattle, on account of the difficulty of getting the above-named animals examined by a competent veterinary;

but on condition that this competition be held under judges as competent as can possibly be obtained.

33. Resolved, that the Agricultural Society of St-Hyacinthe must conform to the general regulations of the Council as regards the distribution of grass-seeds.

34. Resolved that permission be granted to the Societies of L'Assomption, Montcalm, Berthier and Joliette, to hold this year either a regional exhibition or county exhibitions, as they please, provided that these Societies send their programmes to the Council, conform to the regulations concerning the certificates to be given to stallions, and hold a competition of registered Canadian cattle.

Resolved that those Societies that in 1888 returned more than half the amount of the members' subscriptions in the form of clover- and timothy-seed, can now receive the grant of 1888, which has been kept back up to the present time, provided that for the future these Societies conform in every point to the regulations of the Council.

35. The Council then considered the programmes of the Agricultural Societies; it approved of five, which were in all points conformable to the regulations of the Council, and instructed the Secretary to inform all the Societies in fault that they must conform strictly to all the regulations of the Council, or lose for the present year the grant voted in their favour.

36. The Council, considering that the Agricultural Society of Montcalm acted in good faith in its manner of interpreting the regulations of the Council concerning the purchase of grass-seeds to the amount of half the members' subscriptions, decided that the grant retained in 1888 may be paid to the said Society, provided that in future it conduct its distribution of such seeds in a proper manner.

37. The same decision was come to with respect to the retention of the grant of 1888 to Society No. 1 of Montmoyen, on condition that this Society follow in all points the requirements of the law and the regulations of the Council.

38. The same decision was come to with respect to Society No. 1 of Ottawa, on the express condition that this Society hold a competition of the best cultivated farms this summer, that it transmit to the Council all the documents demanded by the law and that it conform in all points to the regulations of the Council.

39. Resolved, that at least \$400.00 must be subscribed to each of the Agricultural Societies before they will be entitled to the maximum of the grants. Out of this sum of \$400.00 subscribed, only one-half may be expended in grass-seeds, that is \$200.00.

But if the sum subscribed exceed \$400.00, the excess of the subscription may be expended either in the purchase of seed, or for the advancement of agriculture in any form that may seem good to the Societies, on condition always that the approbation of the Council be obtained before the regulations which the Societies may pass for the above purposes be carried into effect.

40. Resolved that the Saguenay Agricultural Society must send its account-books to the Secretary of the Council, and conform itself generally to the regulations of the Council before the grant for 1888, which has been retained by the Council, can be paid.

41. Resolved, that the Agricultural Society of the Division of Sherbrooke can receive the grant for 1883, which has been retained by the Council up to the present time, provided it transmit to the Council the documents demanded by the law and by the regulations of the Council.

42. Resolved, that it is desirable that the resolutions of the Council be revised and consolidated, and that a report of this work be submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Certified copy. (Signed) ED. A. BARNARD,  
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