

established. And, in addition that those who have received their education gratuitously in either of the veterinary colleges be obliged to devote themselves to the exercise of their profession in this province during a period of three years from their leaving college, and give a bond to that effect.

M. Dionne, seconded by M. Tarte, moved, as an amendment: That the former part of the above motion be withdrawn, and that the motion itself read as follows:

This council holds that those pupils of the veterinary colleges who shall obtain brevets or diplomas for the practice of their profession and have received gratuitous instruction therein, be obliged to devote themselves to the exercise of their profession in this province during a period of three years from leaving college, and to furnish security to that end.

The amendment was carried on the following division:

For: Messrs de Blois, Gibb, Lussier, A. and E. Casgrain, Casavant, Dionne, Tarte, Marsan, Guilbault and Martin—11.
Against: Messrs. Blackwood, Browning and Ouimet—3.

The principal motion, as amended, was carried on the same division.

The secretary submitted to the council the report of the executive committee on the examination he had made of the programmes of operation of certain societies for the present year.

Argenteuil.—Approved, provided that the competitions of farms take place in accordance with the rules of the council.

Bagot.—Approved, on condition that this society, in addition to its parish-competitions, hold a county competition for the best cultivated farms.

Beauce.—Approved, on the same conditions as the Bagot society.

Bonaventure, No. 2, Div. A.—Approved.

Brome.—Approved.

Champlain.—Approved, on condition that the stallions bought by this society be thoroughbred, with a pedigree satisfactory to the council.

Charlevoix, No. 2.—Before everything, this society must hold a competition of the best cultivated farms; this having been done, the society may spend the rest of its funds at its pleasure, provided always that not more than half of the subscriptions of its members be laid out in the purchase of seeds.

Chateauguay.—The programme of this society is approved, on the express condition that, in accordance with the regulations of the council, it shall hold a competition for the best cultivated farms.

Chicoutimi, No. 1, Div. A.—Approved, on condition that the stallion purchased by the society shall be thoroughbred, with a pedigree satisfactory to the council and that the grant to the society be not paid before satisfactory proof be afforded that the stallion thus purchased be really a pure-bred one.

Gaspé, No. 2, Div. A.—The request is refused, as being contrary to law. The society may employ its funds either in holding an agricultural exhibition, or in the purchase of thoroughbred stock under the same conditions as Chicoutimi, No. 1, Div. A.

Gaspé, No. 2, Div. B.—Approved.

Iberville.—Approved.

Kamouraska.—Approved, except as regards the subscription, which must be paid in accordance with the Act of agriculture.

Laprairie.—Approved.

Laval.—This society is exempt from all competitions this year, and permission is granted it to employ all its funds in the payment for the Clydesdale stallion it purchased last year for two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

L'Assomption.—Approved.

L'Islet.—Approved.

Megantic, No. 2.—Approved, on condition that the society inform the council of the price of hire received for its bulls, mentioning the breed to which the said bulls belong.

And the Council adjourned until 2 P. M.

SESSION OF 2 P. M.

The same members being present, the secretary continued the report of the executive committee on the programmes of the agricultural societies.

Montcalm.—Approved.

Montmorency, No. 1.—Approved.

Napierville.—Approved.

Nicolet.—This society, under pain of deprivation of its grant, must hold a competition of the best cultivated farms. This having been done, the committee sees no objection to the society's holding its exhibition at Bécancour or at Three-Rivers. Only half of the subscriptions can be employed in the purchase of seeds. The committee cannot approve of the regulation of this society, by which it is made lawful to pay for the dinners of the directors and officers out of the funds of the society.

Pontiac.—Approved, provided that this society has been previously exempted from holding a competition of the best cultivated farms.

Portneuf.—Approved, with the exception that the society must hold a competition for the best cultivated farms.

County of Quebec.—This society may hold an agricultural exhibition, after having had a competition of the best cultivated farms.

St. John's.—This society must first hold a competition of the best cultivated farms, and afterwards may expend the balance of its funds in payment for its purchase.

Saguenay.—This society must not spend more than the whole of its subscriptions in seeds; the entire government grant must be expended for an agricultural exhibition.

Témiscouata.—Approved, provided always that the entire sum of \$150.00, as ordered by the council, be offered as prizes at a competition of the best cultivated farms.

Terrebonne.—Approved, if the prizes offered be distributed in accordance with the regulations of the Council of Agriculture.

Deux-Montagnes. Prayer granted, if the society conform to the law regulating the formalities to be taken to settle permanently the spot where the county-exhibitions are to be held.

St. Hyacinthe.—Approved, if the society hold the competition of the best cultivated farms, which is obligatory this year.

Yamaska.—Approved.

Hochelaga.—This society is exempt this year from all competitions, except a ploughing-match, to which this society invites all the ploughmen in the Dominion.

Resolved: That the council confirm and approves the decisions of the executive committee relating to the programmes of the agricultural societies.

Resolved: That a circular be immediately addressed to all the societies which have not as yet sent in their programmes of operations for the present year, requiring them to forward their programmes on or before the 1st of June next, under pain of being deprived of their grants; and that these societies must for the future conform more strictly to the rules imposed upon them by the council.

M. Marsan, seconded by M. Guilbault, moved: That in consideration of the observations made by M. Casavant, relative to the petition of and the grant to the agricultural society of the county of Bagot, there be named a special committee composed of M. Marsan, chairman; Messrs.