

accordance with your ideas; and favour the laudable efforts which you make to encourage the cultivation of so useful a plant, by subscribing \$20 of the money which you have been kind enough to place at my disposal, here to help the *Central Society* in buying one or several Hemp scutching Machines or some other useful implement. I have sown hemp on a narrow slip of land in my garden which did very well. Within three years, I have repeated this experiment with seed bought by myself in Dublin in 1859. It has always perfectly well succeeded, whether it be cultivated for the fibre or for the seed.

Disease and divers circumstances, have prevented me, Gentlemen, doing more to carry out your views. Having spent \$39, there still remains a balance of \$61 to continue our experiment next year. This money is still in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Agriculture for Lower Canada.

The President submitted to the Board Mr. Courtenay's work on the Culture of the Vine and Emigration, and asks help in favour of this gentleman.

Resolved,—That the sum of \$200 be voted in favour of Mr. Courtenay, as an encouragement both for the culture of the vine and to help him in the publication of his book, entitled *The Culture of the Vine and Emigration*.

The Secretary read a petition from the inhabitants of the County of Lotbinière, asking for the formation of a 2d Agricultural Society.

Granted on condition that the Society be organized before the 1st of May next.

A petition from the Agricultural Society No. 2 of Verchères, stating their opposition to the formation of Agricultural Regions, and praying that the government grant be raised to \$1000, and divided in equal shares; that the secretary be not obliged to report to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture; and that the subscription to 20 copies of the "Revue" be not compulsory.

The secretary received instruction to answer to said Society.

A petition from Mr. A. Nadeau, of St. Isidore, County of Dorchester, praying for help or certain improvements on his farm. (Refused.)

Resolved,—That the subscription of the Agricultural Societies to 20 copies of the "Agriculturist," be conducted and governed in accordance with a resolution of this Board passed on 6th September 1861.

Resolved,—That the next Provincial Exhibition be held this year in Montreal, provided the Corporation of said city vote the sum of \$4000, in favour of said Exhibition; and that a Committee composed of Messrs. Sicotte, Campbell, and Taché, be named with power to take other members of the Board to prepare and organize every thing connected with the Exhibition.

The secretary read two petitions from Rimouski praying for aid in favour of the Industrial and Agricultural School of that place.

On motion of Mr. O. Taché, it was resolved,—That the sum of \$200 be voted as an encouragement to the Industrial and Agricultural School of Rimouski.

A petition from the Agricultural Society No. 2 of Verchères, asking permission to use part of its funds to give prizes for the best cultivated lands. (Permission granted.)

Agricultural Society No. 2 of the County of Charlevoix, asking permission to use its funds to purchase seeds and agricultural implements. (Granted.)

Agricultural Society of the Town of Sherbrooke, praying for the remittance of \$400, which it had promised in aid to the Provincial Exhibition held there last September. (Refused.)

The President informed the Board that he had received a telegram from the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Montreal, informing him that a sum of \$4,000 had been voted by the Corporation in aid of next Provincial Exhibition to be held in Montreal next September.

M. J. N. Duquet prayed for help from the Board of Agriculture, for a publication under the title of *Elements of Agriculture for the use of Canadian Youth*.

Resolved,—That 500 copies of this pamphlet be purchased by the Board at ten pence each, to be distributed by the secretary, according to the instructions he may receive.

Mr. Ossaye gave to the Board information about the intention of the French government to give to the Board, a stallion (Percheron), a Norman coach horse, and a few merino sheep.

The President was requested to correspond on the matter with the French consul at Quebec.

On motion of Mr. Sicotte it was resolved,—That the sum of \$300 be appropriated to purchase and import improved machinery for the preparation of flax and for its conversion into tow and thread.

Resolved,—That \$1000 be appropriated for the purchase of flax and hemp seeds to be distributed under the control of the Board of Agriculture; two thirds of said sum to purchase flax seed from Riga, and the other third for Russian hemp.

Resolved,—That a Committee, composed of Messrs. Campbell and Archambault, be named to examine and audit the accounts of the Secretary, and report at the next meeting.

The Editor of the "Agriculturist" prayed for an aid from the Board to continue the publication of the "Agriculturist."

Resolved,—That a Committee, composed of Messrs. Sicotte and Taché be named to look into the affairs of the "Agriculturist," and that a sum not to exceed \$400 be voted for this purpose, in case the Committee should think it proper in the interest of this publication; and on such conditions as the Committee may determine.

Resolved,—That the President be authorized to receive from the Agricultural Society of the County of Montmagny any cession of land and any moneys that this Society may be disposed to yield to the Board of Agriculture of Lower Canada, for the purpose of founding a model farm, and to pass any deed with that Society respecting such cession or gift.

The Board then adjourned.

(By order,)

GEORGE LECLERE, Secretary,
B.A.L.C.