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Board of Agriculture, Lower Canada.

MONTREAL, Tuesday, May 13, 1856.

By direction of the President, due notice was given to the Members of the Board to meet at their Rooms in this city, this day at 11 o'clock, A.M., but there not being a quorum present, an adjournment took place to the day following, to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, 14th May, 1856.

The Board met this day at 10 o'clock, A.M.—Present:—

A. Pinsonneault, R. N. Watts, E. J. De Blois, and James Thomson, Esqrs., also J. W. Dawson, Esq., Principal of McGill College, and Professor of Agriculture in that Institution.

Mr. Thomson, Vice-President, having taken the Chair, the Secretary submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Bureau of Agriculture, Toronto—stating the re-election of the four Members of the Board who retired by rotation—namely, Messrs. Pinsonneault, Taché, Thomson, and Dumoulin. Also, a letter from the Secretary of McGill College, Montreal, stating that the Principal of that College had been appointed Professor of Agriculture in that Institution. The Secretary represented that on receiving this intimation, he had addressed a letter to Professor Dawson, inviting him to the meeting of the Board this day in that capacity.

It was proposed by Mr. Watts, seconded by Mr. Thomson,

That E. J. De Blois, Esq., be elected President of the Board, but that gentleman having declined the appointment,

It was proposed by Mr. De Blois, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault,

That R. N. Watts, Esq., be elected President of the Board for the present year—Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Watts, seconded by Mr. Pinsonneault,

That E. J. De Blois be elected Vice-President for the present year—Carried.

It was then Resolved—That the Board learns with regret the cause of the absence of Major Campbell, from this Meeting, and sympathises sincerely with him in his affliction. It begs to convey its thanks for his zealous and able conduct as President of the Board for the last three years. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to Major Campbell.

The Secretary placed before the Board a full statement of the accounts for the past year—and Messrs. Pinsonneault, Thomson, and Yule, were appointed a Committee to examine them, and report to the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary submitted a copy of the Contract entered into with Messrs. McDougall for erecting the fences and necessary buildings for the Provincial Exhibition at Three Rivers, to take place next September.

Several applications for Sectional Agricultural Societies, were made to the Board for their sanction.

The following were the decisions on the same:

1. From south end of the County of Drummond—not granted. It appears from the opposition made by the original Society for Drummond, that it is not advisable to grant a second Society for the current year.

2. From the County of Missisquoi—not granted. Notice having been given to the County of Missisquoi Agricultural Societies, when it should have been given to the County of Rouville Agricultural Societies—the Parishes of St. Thomas and St. George forming part of the Agricultural Division of the County of Rouville.

3. From the County of Saguenay two applications. First from Malbaie—sanctioned—to be Society No. 2 in that County. Second from Baie St. Paul—sanctioned—to be Society No. 3 in that County.

4. From the County of Stanstead—not granted. Mr. Bullock to be informed that the protest against the formation of Society No. 2, is so numerous and respectfully signed by inhabitants of Stanstead and Hatley, that the Board do not feel themselves justified in sanctioning its formation.

5. From the County of Dorchester, application for a third Agricultural Society in that County—sanctioned.

6. From the County of Shefford, application for a third Agricultural Society—not granted,—the applicants not having complied with the regulations of the Board. The proposed amendments to the law, now before the Legislature, if passed, will meet the case for next year.

7. From Three Rivers, County of St. Maurice, application for a third Agricultural Society in that County—sanctioned.