

inspection of the books of, the agricultural society of the county of Rimouski, was then read.

The report of the visiting committee on schools on the agricultural schools at St. Anne's, Richmond, and L'Assomption, and the veterinary college at Montreal, was then read.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr. Blackwood, moved :

That the report on the different agricultural schools be referred to the visiting committee on schools, to report on the same at the next meeting of the council.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Department of Agriculture at Quebec, requesting that a copy of the annual reports of the Hon. commissioner of agriculture be forwarded to each of the members of the council of agriculture.

And the council adjourned till 2 P. M.

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The same members being present, the secretary read the report of the president of the committee on the Horticultural societies, relating the operations of the different horticultural societies of this province during the past year.

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Blackwood, moved :

That the report of the president of the committee on the Horticultural societies be received : that this council observes with pleasure the efforts made by the different societies for the improvement of fruit growing, but more especially by the Abbot'sford society through the excellent importations of foreign fruit-trees which it has distributed throughout the province : that the conditions laid down by the council having been obeyed by all the societies they are entitled to the annual grant. (Carried.)

Reading of a petition from Messrs. Senécal & Sons, the publishers of the *Journal of Agriculture*, requesting the council to suggest to the government the propriety of obliging each member of the agricultural societies to subscribe for a copy of the *Journal of Agriculture*, the cost of which should be retained by the secretary out of the grant, and be by him paid to the publishers, or to adopt any other method which the council, in its wisdom, shall judge to be efficacious.

M. Marsan, seconded by M. Casavant, moved :

That the petition of Messrs. Senécal & Sons be forwarded to the Hon. Commissioner of agriculture, the question of the *Journal of Agriculture* not concerning this council but the department of agriculture at Quebec, which alone is entrusted with its management, its superintendence, and its support. (Carried.)

The secretary submitted to the council the replies of several agricultural societies to questions which had been sent them in virtue of a resolution of the council, dated Feb. 3rd, 1886.

The Hon. L. Archambault, seconded by the Hon. E. Dionne, moved :

That a committee composed of Messrs. Marsan, president, Blackwood, and Casavant, be appointed to study the nature of the answers sent by the agricultural societies, and to report thereon at the next meeting. (Carried.)

The Hon. G. Ouimet, seconded by M. J. Lemire, moved :

That, in view of the proposed establishment of a national "Haras" (*stud*) in this province, a committee, composed of Messrs. Dionne, Lemire, and Massue, be charged with the duty of attentively studying the most proper means of assuring the establishment of a "haras" in this province, and to make a report on a subject of such great importance. (Carried.)

The Hon. G. Ouimet gave notice that, at the next meeting of the council, he will request the council to examine the report of M. J. C. Chapais, contained in the official report of the Department of Agriculture, 1884, and that no grant shall be allotted to any of the agricultural societies which shall not

have complied with the orders of the Act of Agriculture.

Resolved : That the council accepts in advance the nomination of one or more persons whom the Hon. Commissioner of agriculture shall see fit to add to the commission appointed for the establishment of a herd-book for Canadian cattle, in virtue of p. 4, sect. 2, of act Victoria 48, chap. 7.

And the council adjourned.

Certified true copy.

GEORGES LEOLÈRE, Secretary.

Requisites for Cheese-factories.

Saint-Hyacinthe, December, 1886.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have opened, at St. Hyacinthe, an agency for all things required in cheese- and butter-factories, at the lowest Montreal prices. As I intend devoting myself to this branch of business, I can assure you that any orders you may kindly send me shall be executed with care and promptitude. Besides the ordinary requisites for cheese- and butter-factories, which I keep in stock, you can always obtain through me everything wanted for the establishment of a factory.

I beg to call your attention to the following special articles which I shall be in a position to deliver at an early date.

1. A new set of books for cheese-factories, by M. J. de L. Taché, secretary of the Dairymen's Association. This system of book keeping is very simple, and supplies a want which has existed up to the present time. It will be sold very cheap.

2. A new curd-mill, which, possessing all the advantages of those employed at present, unites with them the merit of only costing \$13 to \$14;—also, cheese-rakes.

3. The best brands of rennet, colouring materials, salt, and calicoes, of all sorts.

4. Cheese-boxes mounted or unmounted. The finished boxes will be delivered at the factories within a radius of 24 miles from Saint-Hugues, where they will be made, for \$12.00. The boxes in the rough will be sold, in quantities of not less than a thousand, at the rate of \$35 for the circles, and \$65 for circles, bottoms, and covers, delivered on board the cars at Saint-Hugues or at the factories within the above radius. The boxes may be ordered at once, and they will be forwarded without delay.

5. Calico ready cut and fit to be used at once.

6. Cheese-moulds, Belleville presses, &c., &c.

7. An assortment of graduated glasses, tubes, lactometers, and thermometers. These last will be verified on demand at a very small charge.

I think I should add, that the exceptional facilities which Saint-Hyacinthe, as the seat of a school-factory, offers, enable me to sell all the above mentioned articles with a conscientious conviction that those who honour me with their confidence will not run the risk of paying more than their value for them.

I should feel obliged if you would give this circular either to your manager, to the president of your factory, or to any one else who may be interested in the matter.

You will shortly receive orders in blank, and my list of prices, which will keep you informed on the course of the market.

Waiting the honour of your orders,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JEAN P. TACHÉ.

Office pro temp :

39, rue Sainte-Anne,

Chez J. de L. Taché, écuyer, notaire.

I hope every possible success may attend M. Taché's enterprise.

ARTHUR R. JENNER FUST.