

3. Resolved that the prayer of the Society No. 1 of Compton county with respect to the competition of farms be granted, and that the sum of \$150. 00 be paid to it, in spite of the competition not having been held, but on the express condition that for the future this society conform strictly to all the regulations of the Council.

4. A resolution to the same effect was passed in favour of the Society No. 1 of Huntingdon.

Proposed by M. Descarries and resolved, that, for the future, the regular session of the Council be held on the last Wednesday of February, May, and October.

5. Proposed by M. Marsan, seconded by M. Tarte and carried:

That the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture be requested to order a regular inquiry, under the authority of the government, into the operations of the Agricultural Society of St. Maurice, with power to summon witnesses under oath, and to call for documents and papers connected with the management of the said Society.

6. In reply to the prayer of the Agricultural Society of Kamouraska, it was proposed by M. Ricard, and resolved, that the Council cannot grant the request of the Society, as the object of the prayer is in diametrical opposition to the law, but the Council permits the repayment of half the special subscription in the form of clover- and timothy-seed, or the employment of the whole of the special subscription mentioned in the said prayer, as part payment of the price of a pure-bred stallion.

7. Resolved that the county of Bonaventure be, for the present, divided as follows: Division A.—No. 1—, the N. E. of the county, starting from the River Cascapédia.— B.—No. 1—, the municipalities of Maria, Carlton and Nouvelle.— B. No. 2.— the municipalities of the county situated to the S. W. of B. No. 1.

8. Resolved that the diplomas for the Veterinary School of Quebec, as requested by Dr. Couture V. S., be granted.

9. In reply to the request of Drs. McEachran and Couture for the Herd-books of the different breeds of animals, it was resolved that the Council is sorry not to be able to grant their request, but it advises the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture to purchase the Herd-books in question, in order to complete the files mentioned by Dr. Couture as being wanting in the Department, where they may be consulted at pleasure.

10. As to the complaints about the irregularities in the stallion-competition at Bellechasse, the Council determined to request Dr. Couture to send a written report from Mr. Hardy, V. S., who examined the stallions.

11. Proposed by M. E. Casgrain, seconded by M. Ness, and carried:

That after the words, "cannot be present," in the resolution (on examination of stallions by *vets.*) passed at the session of the 20th November last, the following words be added: and that the Agricultural Societies be obliged to pay the fees of the veterinary surgeons (approved by the Commissioner) they employ; the fees not to exceed \$10.00 a day. (1)

At 12.45 P. M., the Council adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. Pilon, M. P. P., in the chair.

As the Hon. Legislative Councillors, and the members of the Lower House had been called away to their respective Chambers, it was decided that the Council should sit in General Committee, and report to the Council the next morning.

12. Dr. Martin, M. P. P., prayed the Council to suspend

for a year the competition of farms in Bonaventure County, as well as to pay over to the societies of that County the amount retained from their grants on account of the competition not having been held. The Council decided to pay over the grant withheld, on condition that the competition be held next summer.

13. The President introduced M. Musy, C. E., of France, who gave certain explanations concerning the Farnham Beet-sugar factory, and prayed the Council to advise the Government to offer a certain premium to farmers to encourage them to grow sugar-beets. The Council did not think itself justified in granting this request.

14. Mr. Jas. Dickson, on the part of the Agricultural Societies of Drummond and Richmond, requested permission to hire four stallions for the use of the said Societies. This was granted, subject to the regulations of the Council.

15. A memorial, by Mr. Dickson, was submitted to the Council by the Commissioners, on the working of the Societies, &c. It was recommended that this document be published in the Journals of Agriculture for general information.

16. The prayers of several Agricultural Societies, asking for assistance in importing stallions, were considered: Resolved, that the Council appreciates the importance of improving the breed of horses in the province, but it regrets to say that it has no funds at its disposal to aid in the importation of stallions as prayed.

Adjourned to 9.30 A. M. of the next day.

SESSION OF FEBRUARY 26th, 1890.

The President in the chair.

17. The report of the General Committee was read and approved.

Resolved unanimously:

18. That in order to secure the keeping of the accounts of the Agricultural Societies in conformity with the law, the Secretary be empowered to have brought to his office the books of every Agricultural Society whose accounts require investigation; and, moreover, be authorised to send for the Secretary-treasurer, if necessary, to give all necessary explanations; and be required to report thereon to the Council.

19. The Council ordered the conditional renewal of the insurance on the models and other objects, which for the present are in the possession of the Montreal Veterinary College, subject to their removal to Quebec.

Proposed by Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Ness, and carried:

20. That all the objects belonging to the Museum of the Council of Agriculture, now deposited in the Montreal Veterinary College, and employed in the curriculum of studies carried on there, remain in the hands of the said College until further orders, on condition that the students of the French Veterinary College be allowed access thereto.

21. Resolved, that the Council of Agriculture recommends that section 1651 of the revised statutes (*Agricultural Societies*) be amended by adding, after the word "rural" at the beginning of the third line, the words "and urban" (*et de ville*).

22. Proposed by M. Pilon, seconded by the Hon. L. Sylvestre, and carried: That permission be granted to the Arthabaska Agricultural Society to hire a stallion—entered in the stud-book and certified by the Council's Veterinary—for four years, in accordance with the request of the said Society, provided that it conform in every point to the law and to the regulations of the Council.

23. That the Council remarks with pleasure the establishment of Agricultural Clubs, as a means of insuring the better working of Agricultural Societies, and that it would be glad

(1) This resolution has not been approved and is void and of no effect.