

with the most useful fruit trees that Europe or Asia can supply; and believe that his memory should be preserved with gratitude in all parts of the Dominion of Canada. (Carried.)

No. 3.—Proposed by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by M. Descarries:

That, at its session of the 25th February last, the Council of agriculture passed a resolution, No. 11, to the effect that the agricultural associations be obliged to pay the veterinary-surgeons called in to testify to the soundness of the stallions at the exhibitions, and that their fees be not in excess of \$10 a day for these examinations;

That his Honour the Lt-Governor has not thought fit to approve the said resolution by order in Council; that this Council humbly prays his Honour to again consider the resolution in question, and to give his approval to it;

That by this means, the agricultural societies will encourage the competitors, and fulfil the promise they gave their subscribers at a time when they were firmly convinced that this resolution would be certainly approved.

No. 4.—The request of several persons interested in the payment as soon as possible of the grant in favour of the agricultural society of St. Maurice having been submitted to the Council, it was unanimously resolved that the Commissioners be requested to hasten the inquiry that the Council of agriculture recommended at its last meeting.

No. 5.—Resolved to grant the request of the society No 1 of Lake St. Jean to be allowed to give to its members the amount of their subscription in seed, deducting the cost of freight, and in consideration of the special conditions in which this newly established society is situated; but this permission is only for the present year, and must not be converted into a precedent.

No. 6.—The request to be allowed to form a second society at Lake St. Jean is reserved for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

No. 7.—The existence of the society No 1 of Chicoutimi is recognised and approved, provided that its programme be in accordance with the resolutions of the Council.

No. 8.—The request for exemption from the competition for the best cultivated farms, made by the Society No 2 of Huntingdon, is reserved for further consideration.

No. 9.—It is resolved that the Society No 1 of Montmorency shall now receive its grant, in proportion to the *bona fide* subscription of its members; and that to the present directors be sent copies of the declaration made to the secretary of the Council by the ex-secretary of the society and some of its directors.

No. 10.—The Council having considered the request of the directors of the agricultural association of Portneuf decided, that this society be permitted to allow each of its directors who live more than 15 miles from the head-quarters of the society a sum not exceeding 50 cents for the cost of this journey to any of the meetings of the board of directors.

No. 11.—Proposed by Mr. M. Ness, seconded by Mr Ritchie.

That it is highly desirable that a school of agriculture be, without any delay, established in the Eastern-Townships, and that the Hon. Commissioner of agriculture be respectfully requested to forward the intentions of this resolution.

No. 12.—The Hon. L. Sylvestre laid on the table the Programme of the regional exhibition of the counties of Berthier, Joliette, Montcalm, and l'Assomption.

No. 13.—The new society No 5, of Gaspé, authorised by a special statute at the last session, is recognised and authorised by the Council.

No. 14.—In reply to the request of the agricultural society of the county of Stanstead, the Council suggests to that society that it choose between the old regulations of the Council

and those of the Competition of Agricultural Merit, the printed regulations of which are to be forwarded to the said society.

No. 15.—At the request of Jos. Coulombe and others of St. Norbert de Berthier, M. O. Casgrain gave notice that, the next session, he will pray that the time fixed for the shearing of those sheep that are intended to be shown at the exhibition, be fixed for the 1st April instead of the 1st May.

No. 16.—The prayer of Dr Daubigny having been read, its consideration was postponed to the next session.

No. 17.—With reference to the prizes paid over by the society of the county of Bellechasse to the owners of those stallions condemned, as not being sound, by the farrier (*veterinary*?) M. Hard, the Council orders that the amount paid must be returned by the society to the Council of agriculture; and that, in future, the society must conform to the rules under pain of loss of its grant.

No. 18.—M. Marsan moved: that the following declaration be added to the programme of the regional exhibition of Berthier, Joliette, Montcalm, and l'Assomption, which has just been laid before the Council by the Hon. L. Sylvestre.

To the Hon. H. G. JOLY DE LOBINIÈRE,  
President of the Council of Agriculture  
of the Province of Quebec.

*Mr. President*,—I have the honour to inform you that the name of the county of l'Assomption, mentioned in the programme of the regional exhibition of the counties of Berthier, Joliette, and Montcalm, and laid before the Council of agriculture, can only mean that the county of l'Assomption is taking a joint part in the said regional exhibition, it having, previous to the adoption of the said programme, taken the initiative in an important exhibition, open to nine counties, including those above-mentioned, the programme of which is now in the press, in conformity with a resolution of the Board of directors of the society of the county of l'Assomption, which resolution forms a part of the documents of the Council of agriculture.

I have the honour to be, Mr. President,  
Your very obedient servant,

(Signed) J. J. A. MARSAN,  
Sec. Treas., S. A. C. L.

On a division, this motion was rejected.

No. 19.—It was resolved, that the agricultural society of the county of Saguenay, may organise itself by parishes, provided that the directors appointed for each parish meet at the central office at the dates fixed by the law, and that they obtain the approval of their programme by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and by this council as the law ordains.

No. 20.—The committee appointed to arrange the Provincial competition of Agricultural Merit presented its first report containing the programme and all the regulations of the competition, which report was approved.

No. 21.—Resolved unanimously: that the Hon. G. Ouimet, and Mr Tarte be added to the committee on schools.

No. 22.—The secretary to the Council reported that, in virtue of the resolution 42 of the deliberations of the Council, dated February 25th, 1889, he had begun the revision of the deliberations of the Council, and reported progress.

And the Council adjourned.

Certified true copy.

(Signed) ED. A. BARNARD,  
Secretary of the Council of Agriculture.

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We reproduce elsewhere an excellent article on this subject written by Mr. T. B. Terry for the Country Gentlemen. We have since received a very valuable little book from the same