

- 2.—How many thorough-bred Bulls, and of what breeds?
- 3.—How many thorough-bred Mares, and of what breeds?
- 4.—How many thorough-bred Stallions, and of what breeds?
- 5.—How many thorough-bred Leicester Sheep?
- 6.—How many thorough-bred South Down Sheep?
- 7.—How many thorough-bred Cotswold Sheep?
- 8.—How many thorough-bred Merino Sheep?
- 9.—How many thorough-bred Sows, and of what breeds?
- 10.—How many thorough-bred Boars, and of what breeds?
- 11.—Has it been found as the almost certain result of a first cross between a thorough-bred male domestic animal and a native female that the progeny are greatly improved in quality and value, arrive sooner at maturity, and fatten easier?
- 12.—Would not the annual profits of farming in Canada be greatly increased were the Domestic Animals on our farms of an improved class? Would not the increased remuneration from Stock-raising induce a larger quantity to be kept? And would not the quantity of manure thereby obtained enable larger crops of Grain to be raised and the fertility of the soil to be maintained?
- 13.—Would not a vigorous movement to raise the character of the Domestic Animals on our farms, if successful, have a most salutary effect on every branch of farming industry in Canada?
- 14.—Would the appropriation of a sum of Public Money—say \$100,000 to \$200,000—to be placed in the hands of Commissioners for the purchase, in other countries, and the importation into Canada of first-class thorough-bred Stock, be attended with very desirable results? The animals on arrival to be sold for cash to the highest bidder, under bonds to be kept in the Province for certain number of years, and the money so obtained to be applied and re-applied in the same manner, to the purchase and importation of more stock, until the money was exhausted?
- 15.—Can you suggest any other mode of instituting a general and effective movement for the improvement of the Farm Stock of Canada?

#### QUESTION X.

Could the Prizo System of the Provincial, County and Township Agricultural Societies be amended and improved?

- 1.—Is it better to offer a large number of small prizes than a smaller number of large ones?
- 2.—Would it have a beneficial effect if large sums (such as in the instance of the Canada Company's Prize, or more) were offered for the best 25 or 50, or even 100 bushels of our chief staple farm products, under the condition that the Provincial Association should retain, at a full rate, all the samples offered for competition, and offer them for sale by public auction for seed?
- 3.—Would Premiums for the best managed Farms exercise a beneficial influence?

#### QUESTION XI.

Would Model Farms, where Agricultural and Veterinary instruction could be obtained, and where the best modes of Agriculture, and the best breeds of Stock could be seen, and where needful Agricultural experiments could be conducted, be so sustained as to render them of public advantage?

#### QUESTION XII.

Can you suggest any other direction in which the Government and Legislature of the Province can lend their aid towards the advancement of Agriculture in the Province.

By order of the Joint Committee,

GEORGE BROWN,  
*Chairman.*

Answers to the foregoing queries to be addressed to the "Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Advancement of Agriculture, Quebec."