

Department of Agriculture and Colonization.

Quebec, 4th February 1891.

NOTICE TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES OF DISTRICT NO. 3.—
COMPETITION FOR BEST MANAGED FARMS, FOR COUNTIES, OR FOR MUNICIPALITIES OR PARISHES.

1. All agricultural societies in the following counties: Arthabaska, Beauce, Bellechasse, Bonaventure, Dorchester, Gaspé, Kamouraska, Lévis, L'Islet, Lotbinière, Mégantic, Montmagny, Nicolet, Rimouski, Témiscouata and Wolfe, forming together district No. 3., are hereby notified that they are bound to offer to all their members, this year, a competition for best managed farms, either for the whole county (or subdivision of county), or for each municipality or parish, in conformity with articles 111-112-113-114-115-116, and 117 of the revised Regulations of the Council of Agriculture, approved of by order in council dated 19 of January 1891 and published in the Official Gazette on the 24 January instant, 1891, a copy of which revised regulations is hereto annexed.

2. COMPETITORS.—All members of an agricultural society in district No. 3 have a right to enter their farms for the county, municipality or parish farm competition to be held this year, in order to be better prepared for the Provincial Competition of Agricultural Merit to be held next year.

3. ENTRIES.—Applications for blank forms of entries and regulations for the county or municipality or parish farm competition, should be addressed without delay to the secretary of the county (or subdivision of county) agricultural society, so that such blank forms be studied, filled up and transmitted to the secretary of such agricultural society on or before the first of May next.

4. ENTRANCE FEES.—All agricultural societies are bound to exact a special entrance fee of two dollars, above and over the annual subscription of one dollar, from all competitors for county prizes, but they are at liberty to reduce the price of such entrance fees, or do without entirely, in all municipal or parish competitions (see article 116.)

5. In all counties where but one Agricultural society exists which, consequently, would have a right to a grant of \$656 provided the amount of its subscriptions be \$400 or more, the county prizes must be \$100, \$60, \$40, \$30 and \$20, making a total amount of \$250.00.

6. In all counties where more than one society exists, the total amount of prizes must be as follows: The societies entitled to a maximum grant of four hundred and ten dollars net, should offer prizes to the amount of one hundred and fifty six dollars or more; the societies entitled to a maximum grant of three hundred and twenty eight dollars net, should offer prizes for a total amount of one hundred and twenty five dollars; and lastly those entitled to a maximum grant of two hundred and five dollars net, should offer twenty eight dollars in prizes, or more.

7. All secretaries of agricultural societies are bound to give to the undersigned, as soon as possible, the complete address of all members of their societies who wish to enter their farms for such County Municipality or Parish competition, so that blank forms and copies of Regulations be transmitted directly and without delay to the various competitors in their respective parishes.

ED. A. BARNARD.

Secretary of the Council of Agriculture and
Director of the Journals of Agriculture.

Resolutions of the Council of Agriculture.

COPY of the report of a Committee of the Honorable Executive Council, dated the 17th January, 1891, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 19th of January, 1891.

No. 57.

On the approval of certain resolutions of the Council of Agriculture.

The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonisation, in a memorandum dated the 17th of January instant (1891), recommends that the resolutions, a copy whereof is annexed to the said memorandum, adopted by the Council of Agriculture, dated the 24th of December, 1890, be approved, pursuant to the provisions of article 1614 of the Revised Statutes.

(Certified)

(Signed)

GUSTAVE GRENIER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Quebec, 24th December, 1890.

1. Resolved that the sum due by the Saguenay society to Mr. Kerouack, for grain and seed, be paid out of the first grants due to the society.

2. The following divisions are adopted for the boundaries of the four districts for the competitions of agricultural merit which are not yet defined:

The second district shall comprise the part of the Province south of the St. Lawrence and south of the counties of Nicolet, Arthabaska, Wolfe and Mégantic. (This division comprises the following counties: Bagot, Beauharnois, Brome, Chambly, Chateaugay, Compton, Drummond, Huntingdon, Iberville, Laprairie, Missisquoi, Napierville, Richelieu, Richmond, Rouville, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, St. Hyacinthe, St. John, Verchères and Yamaska,—22 counties and subdivisions);

The third district shall comprise the remainder, south of the St. Lawrence. (This division comprises the following counties: Arthabaska, Beauce, Bellechasse, Bonaventure, Dorchester, Gaspé, Kamouraska, Lévis, L'Islet, Lotbinière, Mégantic, Montmagny, Nicolet, Rimouski, Témiscouata and Wolfe,—16 counties);

The fourth district shall comprise all that portion north of the river St. Lawrence west of the county of Portneuf and not comprised in the first district (Montreal) already defined, Argensteuil (part of the Laurentides), Berthier, Champlain, Joliette, l'Assomption, Maskinongé, Montcalm, Ottawa, Pontiac, St. Maurice, Ter-ronne (part of the Laurentides), Three Rivers—12 counties and divisions);

The fifth district shall comprise the county of Portneuf and the remainder of the Province north of the Saint Lawrence (Charlevoix, Chicoutimi, Lake Saint John, Montmorency, Portneuf Québec and Saguenay—7 counties).

3. Next year (1891) the competition of agricultural merit will take place in the second agricultural region or district bounded as above.

4. It is resolved: 1. That, in future, the competitions for the best cultivated farms in the county be held only once every five years, and that they precede by one year the Provincial competitions in their respective districts: 2. That five prizes be offered in each county for the best kept farms, to wit: \$100, \$60, \$40, \$30 and \$20, in all \$250 subject to the exception in favor of all subdivisions of county societies, as regulated by clause 6 of these regulations;—3. That these prizes be adjudged according to the programme adopted for the competition of agricultural merit, with this difference that farms of 50 arpents and upwards under cultivation, shall be admitted in the county competitions; 4. That no money be granted unless the candidate has gained at least 60 points out of the hundred allowed.

5. The societies may, if they prefer it, replace the competition for the best cultivated farms in the county by competitions for parish or township farms, on such conditions as the directors of the society shall judge useful, provided, however, the total amount of the prizes offered be at least two hundred and fifty dollars for all the parishes or townships of the county.

6. In subdivisions of counties, the total amount of the prizes shall be in proportion to the total amount of the grant to which these subdivided societies are entitled; the societies entitled to a maximum of four hundred and ten dollars net, should offer prizes to the amount of one hundred and fifty six dollars or more; the societies entitled to a maximum of three hundred and twenty-eight dollars net, should offer prizes for a total amount of one hundred and twenty five dollars; and lastly those entitled to a maximum grant of two hundred and five dollars net, should offer seventy eight dollars in prizes, or more.

7. Any member of an agricultural society who shall have paid his subscription of one dollar, and a special additional entry of two dollars, before the first of May, shall be entitled to compete at the county competition of agricultural merit, and if he gains a prize