

and approved of by a Veterinarian selected by the Department.

Bounties are also granted for the best mares, with the condition that the farmers who own them, keep them for reproducing purposes for a year or more.

The methods of the Irish Department of Agriculture are differing widely from that adopted by the Province of Quebec. Which are the best? If we take into consideration the very injudicious manner in which some of the Agricultural Association spend the appropriations granted them, we are led to believe that the methods in vogue in Ireland are vastly superior to ours.

The Council of Agriculture of Quebec has the authority to rule how one-half of the appropriations should be spent, and should insist more upon asserting its rights. Its action is much more free than are the Agricultural Associations from the influence of clans.

As in Ireland, the Associations could decide as to which breeds are best adapted to their respective districts, but the Department should retain the privilege of determining the values of bounties to be granted, and control their payment. The Agricultural class would gain by this arrangement.

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