

them correct and that he is duly registered in vol. page of the stud book.

And further; in my opinion, the said horse is of sufficient individual merit, as to conformation, bone and action, to be recommended for purchase by the said society for the improvement of stock in its district.

Veterinary-surgeon.

B—Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

Permit for prize-giving by Agricultural Societies.

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF STALLIONS.

In accordance with the regulations of the Council governing the expenditure of public money in prize-giving to stallions by agricultural societies, I

Veterinary surgeon, duly appointed and authorised by the Council of Agriculture, to examine the said stallions, do hereby certify: that I have examined for the Agricultural Society of a stallion named

measuring hands, marked as follows

aged years; and in my opinion, the said horse is sound and free from hereditary defects.

And further; in my opinion the said horse is of sufficient individual merit, as to conformation, bone and action, to be recommended for prize receiving by the said society for the improvement of stock in its district.

Veterinary-surgeon.

The Council approved of the forms, and decided that they be printed in two special books with counterfoils (*talons*), that the counterfoil remain in the hands of the Veterinary-surgeon granting the certificate, which, duly numbered and signed, shall be sent without delay to the secretary of the Council to be preserved in its archives, and that an authentic copy of the certificate be handed to the agricultural society, if it be for permission to purchase a thoroughbred stallion, or to the proprietor of the stallion, when it is a case of a certificate allowing it to compete in the county, district, or provincial exhibitions. (Approved.)

7. The executive committee recommends that the Society No. 2 of the county of Joliette be officially recognised, and that it have a right to its share of this year's grant, provided that it conform in every point to the regulations of the Council of Agriculture. (Approved.)

8. The committee recommends that in future the auditors appointed to audit the accounts of the agricultural societies, before the annual meeting of the said societies, be obliged to sign and attest the following certificate (C); which certificate shall be sent by the secretary of the Council, in blank and in duplicate, to the secretary of each society before the 15th of November in every year. One of these certificates shall be sent to the Commissioner with the annual report and statement of accounts by the secretary of each society, and the other shall be preserved in the archives of the society.

(C) Certificate to be signed by two qualified auditors:
I (name) (address) (profession) solemnly declare that I have accustomed to keep commercial books; that I have carefully examined the accounts of the agricultural society of the county of that the accounts are (or are not) well and duly kept entered in a durable and proper book (or books); that I have also examined the vouchers pertaining to each of the entries in these accounts, both for the last and for the current year, and I declare that these accounts are (or are not) correct. That the balance in hand at the commencement of the year was \$

That the balance now in hand is
That there is now due to the society
The debts due by the society amount to
for which the society pays an interest of — per cent per annum. (Carried.)

I make this declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and in virtue of an act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled: An act for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths.

(Signed)

Received before me at this day of one thousand eight hundred and eighty

(Magistrate's Signature) —

The secretary of the Council was instructed to communicate with the managers of the veterinary-colleges which enjoy a government grant on the subject of the entrance-examinations of intending pupils. The secretary is expected, too, to be present, as often as possible, at the annual examinations which, in future, the pupils of the agricultural schools receiving assistance from the Council will have to pass.

The Council having ascertained that many pupils from the province of Quebec are at present in Europe following a course of eminently superior agricultural teaching at the Agricultural Institute at Beauvais, France, entertains an earnest desire that strenuous efforts should be made to endow this province with an establishment calculated to give to its pupils an agricultural education of the highest class. The Council learns with pleasure that there is a great probability of there being opened at the Lyceum of Mont St-Louis, Sherbrooke St., Montreal, in connection with the best cultivated farms, gardens, &c. in the neighbourhood of Montreal.—a branch of the agricultural Institute at Beauvais, which enjoys a very high reputation throughout the entire world, and the Council recommends that the question be examined as soon as possible, with a view to arrive at the desired end; provided that it can be done without pressing too heavily on the funds placed at the disposal of the Council for agricultural instruction. (Carried.)

The Commissioner related to the Council the result of the visits he had recently made to the schools at l'Assomption, Ste-Anne, the Deaf and Dumb school at Outremont, and Richmond.

He greatly extolled the working of the Deaf and Dumb School at Outremont, than which nothing could be more encouraging. He hoped that the schools at Ste-Anne and l'Assomption would, in the future, be very useful to those youths who study agriculture. As for Richmond, the Commissioner said that a radical change would be necessary, if a good result were expected from it. Consequently, he had given notice to its present manager that the school would be closed on the 1st January.

The Council warmly supported the Commissioner in his efforts to place the teaching of agriculture in this province