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Agricultural School, Oka.

Balance of grant for 1895-96	45.00
Incubation apparatus	20.00
Grant towards the smoking and salting of meats	200.00
Agricultural Chemical laboratory	15.00
Salary of professor of Gruyere cheese manufacture	110.00
Agricultural School, Compton. Supplementary grant for 1895- 1896	\$265.00
Agricultural School, L'Assomption	
Winter course (Rev. J. B. Jobin)	\$200.00

The same schools have, besides the above
sums, also received the usual excessive
grants as follows:

Compton	\$6,300.00
Roberval	1,300.00
Oka	4,500.00
L'Assomption	4,500.00
Ste. Anne	4,500.00

Total \$21,000.00
(See Public Accounts, 1896, pages 132,
134, and 166.)

The Model Farm, Compton.

We here present to the notice of the
electors an account of what the Compton
Farm has cost the Province, as furnished
by the Minister of Agriculture himself.

For Maintenance:

1894-95	\$4,000.00
1895-96	3,375.00
1896-97	1,125.00

Special grants:

1894-95	\$5,000.00
1895-96	3,190.08

1896-97	5,000.00
1896-97	500.00
	\$22,190.08

Here we are face to face with an ex-
traordinary specimen of economy; the
GOVERNMENT HAS EXPENDED
OVER TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS OVER A SCHOOL WHICH
HAD ONLY ONE PUPIL IN 1894-95
AND NOT MORE THAN TWO OR
THREE IN 1895-96.
Farmers, what do you think of that?

History of the Model Farm at Compton.

The story of this attempt at teaching
agriculture is given in Mr. Dechen's
amendment, moved in the House on De-
cember 22nd, 1896, which we give.

That, whereas, on the 19th of March,
1894, a contract was entered into between
the corporation of the village of Compton
and the Government, by which the
said corporation undertook to place at
the disposal of the Government or the
trustees, a farm situate in the municipal-
ity of the village of Compton, containing
at least one hundred and fifty acres of
land, sub-divided, together with the
buildings thereon erected.

That this farm was to serve as a
school and that the Government, under-
took to pay for the said farm an amount
of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), during
the year 1896, and an annual sum of four
thousand dollars (\$4,000), for four years,
counting from the 1st May, 1896.

They to be entitled to each annual sum
of four thousand dollars, the number of
students admitted and continually residing
on the said farm for the purpose of receiv-
ing agricultural instruction was to be
at least fifteen throughout the year.

That it was further stipulated that if
the average number of pupils during the
year were less than fifteen, the Govern-
ment would be entitled to retain one-fif-
teenth of the \$4,000 for each pupil less
than the required number.

That it appears, by the report of the
Commissioner of Agriculture for the
year ending 30th June, 1894, that during
the course of the said year, the number
of pupils was only six.

That the report of the Commissioner of
Agriculture and Colonization for the year
ending 30th June, 1896, contains the fol-
lowing: "During the early part of this
season it was thought advisable at a meet-
ing of trustees, and resolved that until
a competent professor could be secured
to take charge of them no students would
be received." (Extract from the report
of the trustees of the Compton Model
Farm.)

That, in fact, there were no students
at the said Model Farm during the year
ending June 30th, 1895.

That at page 23 of the report of the
Commissioner of Agriculture and Coloniza-
tion for the year 1895, the following ap-