

AGRICULTURAL REVIEW.

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Official Dep't.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR LOWER CANADA

Montreal, 12th March, 1862.

Present:—Hon. L. V. Sicotte, President; O. E. Casgrain, Vice-President; J. O. Taché, B. Pomroy, Hon. J. D. Tessier, Hon. P. I. O. Chauveau, Hon. P. U. Archambault, F. M. F. Ossaye, Professor of Agriculture at the Normal School, Jacques Cartier; Rev. Mr. Pilotte, Professor of Agriculture at St. Ann's College, Kamouraska.

The official advice of the Minister of Agriculture indicating the result of the election of the members of the Board for the year 1862, is read and order is given that it be entered in the register. The Board then proceed to the election of a President and Vice-President.

Moved by the Hon. J. U. Tessier, seconded by Mr. Taché, that Louis Victor Sicotte be re-elected President; carried.

Moved by Mr. Ossaye that Mr. Casgrain be re-elected Vice-President.

Mr. Taché proposes, and it is resolved, that Mr. Pomroy and the Rev. Mr. Pilotte, be named to examine the accounts of the treasurer, and report this day.

Several petitions from the Agricultural Societies of Joliette, Berthier, Champlain, and Charlevoix, No. 1, asking to be permitted to employ their funds to purchase clover and other seeds, to be distributed to its members. Granted.

A petition from the Agricultural Society of Jacques Cartier, praying for aid to purchase hemp and flax seed to be distributed among its members.

On motion of Mr. Ossaye, seconded by Mr. Pomroy, the Board grant a sum of \$100 to the above conclusion, and it is resolved that this Board pay a similar sum to the Agricultural School of St. Ann's College, and to the Agricultural Society of Sherbrooke, to be employed in cultivating textile plants, and in the encouragement of this culture, and that this Board, through their President, pray Government to give orders to place at the disposal of these two institutions, *flax-dressing machines*, if any be imported by Government.

A petition from the Agricultural Society of Kamouraska, praying that a sum not exceeding \$800 be placed at the disposal of the Board of Agriculture of Lower Canada, for the pur-

chase of a stallion of the breed called "*Percheron*" or *Ruce Normandie*, for the use of this Society, and in conformity with a resolution of the Board of Agriculture, bearing date 8th January, 1862.

Explanations are given by the Rev. Mr. Pilotte, and the petition is granted; the stallion to be purchased must be of the breed called "*Percheron*," two years old, and of brown-bay colour.

A letter from the Agricultural Society of Drummond, No. 1, offering its thanks to the Board for the offer of importing improved cattle, stating that this Society had always done so to the satisfaction of its members.

Information from the Agricultural Society of Pontiac, stating that it had laid by part of its funds to purchase improved cattle, in accordance with a circular of this Board, bearing date 8th January, 1862.

Moved by Mr. Casgrain, seconded by Mr. Tessier, that the \$250 which ought to have been paid to Mr. Dumais for the encouragement of the publication of the "*Gazette des Campagnes*," be paid to Mr. Proulx.

On the report of the President who informs the Board that he has considered the question of acquiring a permanent locality for this Board, it is resolved to suspend all negotiations relative to this subject, until the President shall have taken steps towards the Government to obtain the concession of some of the public property situated in the City of Montreal.

A report from the Committee named to examine the accounts of this Board is received and approved.

The Board adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the same members are present.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Tessier, that Mr. Ossaye be authorised to rent chambers or a house for the offices and sittings of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Ossaye, it is resolved that seeing the state of illness of the Secretary of this Board, Dr. George S. Leclerc be named assistant Secretary, with a salary of _____ per annum, to be taken from that of the Secretary, that the books and cash be kept by the assistant Secretary, who until further orders will sign all the checks with the President, and that the bank be notified of this resolution.