

for the excellent remarks and suggestions contained in his report.

The report of the Director of the St. Adne's agricultural school was read.

Resolved : That the report be received.

And the council adjourned at 2 P. M.

SESSION OF 2 P. M.

The same being present, the Secretary read the report of the Director of the Agricultural School at L'Assomption, and that of Mr. S. N. Blackwood of a visit made by him to the Montreal Veterinary School during the examination of, and the distribution of diplomas to, the graduating pupils of that institution.

Mr. J. M. Browning, seconded by M. P. B. Benoit, moved :

That the different reports of the directors of agricultural schools, as well as the report of Mr. Blackwood, be referred to the visiting committee on schools, with instructions to study them and to make a report at the next meeting of the council, the report to contain a condensation of the chief remarks and suggestions therein to be found, which may hereafter furnish a subject for discussion by the council. (Carried.)

M. L. Beaubien, seconded by the Hon. G. Ouimet, moved :

That those pupils, in their last year, of the provincial agricultural schools who shall have given full and entire satisfaction to their teachers be rewarded in a special manner by being assisted next autumn to visit the Exhibition of the State of New York.

M. Benoit, seconded by Mr. S. N. Blackwood, moved, in amendment : That the words "State of New York" be expunged and replaced by the following words : "Sherbrooke and its neighbourhood."

The amendment, being put to the vote, was carried on the following division :

For : Messrs. Gauthier, Lemyre, Marsun, Benoit, Casgrain, Casavant, A. Casgrain, Chas. Gibb, Blackwood, Browning. (10).

Against : The Hon. G. Ouimet, M. L. Beaubien. (2).

The original motion was lost on the same division.

A request was read, from "The Agricultural Association of the Eastern Townships," asking permission to give to the next exhibition, which is to be held in the coming autumn, the name of "The Provincial Exhibition of the Province of Quebec," and further praying that the council recommend the hon. Commissioner of agriculture to allow the public funds, voted for exhibitions of this kind, to be handed over to the Agricultural Association of the Eastern Townships, at least for this year.

M. L. Beaubien, seconded by M. P. B. Benoit, moved : That inasmuch as the Agricultural Association of the Eastern Townships is making application to the government for the purpose of obtaining leave that the next provincial exhibition be held at Sherbrooke, and that the organisation of the said exhibition be entrusted to it,

And seeing that the said Association is competent to undertake successfully the carrying out of the said exhibition, and that it is but right that this year the provincial exhibition be held at Sherbrooke, at which place it has not been held, since 1862,

The council recommends that the next provincial exhibition be held at Sherbrooke, on the land of the Agricultural Association of the Eastern Townships, and, that in conformity with paragraph b Vict. 48, Cap 7, Sect. 1, certain powers, conferred on the permanent committee of Provincial Exhibition, be suspended until the issue of a new order, and be transferred to the new association, in order to allow it to organise and carry on the ensuing exhibition, and that

such assistance as may seem fit to the government be granted to it for such purpose. (Carried.)

And the Council adjourned to 8 P. M.

SESSION OF 8 P. M.

The same being present, the President called the attention of the council to certain dispositions of the act Vict. 48, Cap. 7, Sect. 5, relating to the distribution of the balance of the \$50,000, appropriated to the payment of the grant to the agricultural associations; the said act prescribing the manner in which this balance is to be distributed, and on what conditions.

The Hon. G. Ouimet, seconded by Mr. S. N. Blackwood, moved : That the secretary be instructed to devote attention to the balance of the \$50,000 voted for the payment of the grant to the agricultural associations of this province, to ascertain the amount of such balance, and, at the next meeting of the council, to report upon the manner in which the said balance should be distributed, in conformity with the dispositions of the act Vict. 48, Cap 7, Sect. 5. (Carried.)

A letter was read, from Mr. J. S. Williams, breeder of thoroughbred stock, requesting the council to have the kindness to buy from him several of his cattle, &c, for the purpose of distributing them among the agricultural societies, and thereby favouring the improvement of the stock of this province.

Resolved : That this council, from want of means, regrets much that it cannot encourage the laudable efforts of Mr. Williams by purchasing any of his thoroughbred stock; but the council recommends Mr. Williams to address a circular, with prices, to all the agricultural societies of the province, a list of which he can obtain from the secretary of the council.

The Hon. the Prime Minister gave some very interesting details concerning a visit he paid to the "Haras du Pin," when he was in France; noting the valuable qualities of the stallions he saw, particularly the points of the Normans and Percherons; and related to the council all the minute precautions taken by the French government to preserve and continue the purity of these races. The Hon. Premier, in conclusion, expressed a desire to see a "Haras National" established in this province, and he strongly advised the agricultural societies to make their importations direct from France.

The Hon. G. Ouimet, seconded by M. P. B. Benoit, moved : That thanks of the council be given to the Hon. Premier for the clear and instructive relation of his visit to the national horse-breeding establishments of France, and that the council views with favour the important subject of the introduction of studs of the kind mentioned into this province. (1)

M. S. Lesage, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, drew the attention of the Council of Agriculture to the dispositions of the act Vict. 48, cap. 7, sect. 2, which provides for the establishment of a herd-book for the different races of animals introduced into this province, especially as regards Canadian cattle and Canadian horses. M. Lesage declared that many excellent specimens, possessing all the characteristic marks of the Canadian breed, were to be found, a breed, the milk producing qualities of which are not surpassed by the best of the imported breeds; that this fact has been proved by the Dairy-association of this province, which has paid particular attention to the question, and which is so thoroughly convinced of its truth that it is ready to undertake the management of the herd-book, if the council will entrust to its

¹ *Haras*—from the Arabic *I fancy*—is the same as *stud* in English, which does not by any means signify an entire horse, but a collection of horses for a specific purpose; as, a hunting stud, a racing stud, a breeding stud.