

Messrs. Ouimet, Blackwood, Casavant, E. Casgrain, Lesage, Tarte.

Committee on Fruit-growers Associations :

Messrs. Rhodes, Gibb, E. Casgrain, Lussier.

Committee on the Journal and its circulation.

Messrs. Ouimet, Lesage, Tarte.

Resolved :

That the Executive Committee prepare rules to be recommended for the guidance of the next provincial competition of the best cultivated farms, as well as a list of questions to be submitted to the members of Agricultural Associations at special parochial meetings.—Carried.

That the visiting committee on schools be entrusted with the matriculating examinations of pupils of the Veterinary College, and that the committee be empowered to appoint a delegate to represent it. Carried.

The Committee on schools recommended :

1. That from the balance of the 10 per cent. of the grant to the County Agricultural Societies, allowed by law to the Council of Agriculture, the amount due to the Schools at L'Assomption and Ste-Aune, be paid as soon as possible.

2. That, considering the report of the Secretary of this Council, the committee recommends the payment of the sum due to the Richmond school, provided that for the future the rules of the Council as regards the schools be followed out to the letter.

3. That, for the future, the visits to the three agricultural schools be made every three months, under the special authority of the Minister, before the payment of the quarter, in order to encourage the schools and the pupils to do their best. Carried.

The committee appointed to report on the propriety of opening a stud-book for Canadian horses, reported :

1. That the last provincial exhibition—held at Quebec in 1887—must have convinced the most incredulous that the breed of Canadian horses is far from being extinct ;

2. That it is admitted by all that this breed is the one best suited to our country ;

3. That it is possible to revive the breed, and to establish it as a precious specialty for the breeders of our province : the committee therefore recommends with earnestness that such a stud-book be opened without delay.—Carried.

It was resolved that the Commission of the Canadian Herd-book be also entrusted with the duty of opening a Canadian Stud-book. Messrs I. J. Tarte and A. Casgrain were added to the commission, which will arrange all the rules necessary for the opening of the new book, basing them on the rules—*mutatis mutandis*—of the stud-book of the Boulonnais breed. The commission was instructed to extend for two years, from date, the gratuitous entries to the Canadian herd-book.

It was resolved, on a division, that in future, a special class be opened for registered Canadian cattle at all the county exhibitions in the province, and that the associations be instructed to conform to this rule without delay.

The Committee on fruit reported that the Horticultural Societies of Shefford, Brome, L'Islet and Abbotsford have conformed to the rules of the Council, and recommends that the grant of \$100.00, due to each of these societies for the year 1888, be paid. It also recommends that, in future, the annual grant to the horticultural societies be paid before their exhibitions are held, provided they conform to the rules laid down on this matter.

Mr. Blackwood reported that he, with the Minister of Agriculture, was present at the closing examinations of the Montreal Veterinary College, of which Dr. McEachran is the Principal.

It was resolved that the request of this College, to be affiliated to McGill University, and asking that the grant to this school be guaranteed to it for ten years, in order to settle the aforesaid affiliation, be recommended to the government by the Council, and that the same favour be accorded to the Quebec Veterinary College.—Carried.

The Executive Committee examined the programmes of the Agricultural Societies, and the Council adjourned to the following day, at 9 A. M.

SESSION OF APRIL 12TH, 1889.

The Council met at 9 A. M.

Present : the same as yesterday, except M. de Blois.

Col. Rhodes in the chair.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Beauharis Society be exempted from holding a competition for the best cultivated farms, in order to assist it in restoring its buildings, which were destroyed by a storm last year, but that all the other Agricultural societies be obliged to conform to the rules of the Council respecting the competitions for the best managed farms, in order to prepare for the provincial competition which is to take place next year, but all the societies shall be allowed, this year, to substitute a parish for a county competition of the best managed farms.—Carried.

Resolved : that, for the future, at exhibitions and at stallion-shows, no money-prize be awarded to a stallion unless upon the presentation of a certificate, signed by a qualified veterinary surgeon, stating that the animal in question is sound and perfectly fitted to reproduce his species.—Carried.

The Council advises the Government to establish a department of agricultural statistics.—Carried unanimously.

The Council recommends that, in future, the exactitude of the documents forwarded to the Council by the societies be affirmed by solemn declaration.—Approved.

The Council then adjourned. True copy.

(Signed) ED. A. BARNARD,
Secretary of the Council of Agriculture, &c.

Copy of the Report of a Committee of the Honourable Executive Council, dated April 29th 1889,

Approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, April 29th, 1889.

No. 201. Concerning the approval of certain deliberations of the Council of Agriculture.

The Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonisation, in a memorandum dated April 26th of the current year (1889), recommends the approval of the deliberations of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec, adopted at the session of the 12th April of the current year (1889), a copy of which accompanies the said memorandum, with the exception of that part which concerns the request of the Secretary of the Agricultural Society No. 2 of the County of Chicoutimi; the delay for paying the grant having expired long ago, this request could not be taken into consideration by the Council of Agriculture.

Certified.

(Signed) GUSTAVE GRENIER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Certified true copy.

(Signed) GEORGES LYOLERE,
Sec. Depart. Agri. and Col.