

at the session of the 30th of July of the current year, a copy of which is annexed to the said memorandum, in conformity with the article 1614 of the revised statutes of the province of Quebec.

Certified.

(Signed)

GUSTAVE GRENIER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Deliberations of the Council of Agriculture.

SESSION OF JULY 30TH, 1889.

The Council of Agriculture met at 2 P. M.

Present: Colonel the Hon. W. Rhodes, Commissioner of Agriculture, the Hon. MM. Archambault, Dionne, and Ross, Messrs. Blackwood, Casavant, A. and E. Casgrain, Lesage, Marsan, and Massue.

Mgr. Labelle, Assistant-commissioner of Agriculture, and M. J. C. Chapais, were also present.

At the request of the Commissioner, M. Massue took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting (April 11th and 12th) were read and approved.

The chairman read a letter from the Hon. G. Ouimet, stating that it was impossible for him to be present at the meeting.

The secretary informed the Council that the Hon. L. Archambault could not attend the last meeting owing to his not having received notice of it, although it was duly recorded. M. Eugène Casgrain having been away from home at the time of the last meeting of the Council, did not receive notice of such meeting in time to attend it, and wrote at once to that effect.

The Council heard, with deep regret, that M. Jos. de Blois, who was present at the last meeting, one of the most active and devoted of its members, was no more. The Council bitterly bewailed this loss, and offered its sincere sympathy to the family of the deceased.

The Executive Committee reported: 1. That it had received an essay, by the secretary of the Council, on the rules to be proposed for the ensuing provincial competition of the best cultivated farms: it recommended that this essay be published in the *Journal of Agriculture*, that the members of the Council, and those generally interested, may study it, and make useful suggestions on the matter to the Council before its next meeting, which is fixed for Wednesday, November 6th. (Carried.)

2. The committee recommended that the secretary immediately put himself into communication with all the Agricultural societies, in order to obtain as soon as possible every information about matters connected with this year's competition of the farms, and that the societies which shall not have conformed to the regulations of the Council as concerns the competition be deprived of their grant. (Carried.)

3. That the secretary obtain and place before the Council at its next meeting the questions sent by the Council of Agriculture to the societies, in virtue of a resolution, dated February 3rd, 1886, as well as the report of the committee appointed Nov. 17th, 1886, M. Marsan in the chair, charged to study the answers and to report thereon.

4. The committee having ascertained that the society No. 2 of Chicoutimi has raised, *bonâ fide*, a subscription of

(\$744.70) Seven hundred and forty-four dollars $\frac{7}{100}$ in 1886
(\$410.12) Four hundred and ten dollars $\frac{12}{100}$ in 1887
(\$506.00) Five hundred and six dollars in 1888
and that it has employed these sums in the purchase of grass-seeds in accordance with the rules of the Council of Agriculture concerning these matters;

And the committee moreover having ascertained that this society has, up to the present time, always been authorised by the Council to expend its funds in the purchase of seed-grain and grass-seeds; that, as usual, it has contracted a debt of \$782.23 with Mr. Evans, Montreal, and one of \$507.87 with the firm of J. B. Renaud & Co., Quebec, for seed-grain and grass-seeds duly delivered to the society, which debts were to be paid out of the grant becoming due to the society, in virtue of its subscriptions and of the approval by the Council of its programme of operations;

That, certain formalities not having been fulfilled, owing to the neglect of the secretary of this society, the grant thus promised to the society and to the seedsmen has not yet been paid;

That it is important to preserve the credit of the agricultural societies with the seedsmen of the province, when the approval of the Council of the outlay for seed-grain and grass-seeds shall have been previously obtained; as appears to be the case in the present instance:

In consequence, the committee respectfully recommends to the Commissioner that the debts due to Messrs. Evans and M. J. B. Renaud & Cie. be paid out of the unemployed balance of the grants made this year to the Agricultural societies; but that it be for the future understood, that no debt due from an agricultural society be recognised unless it have been previously and directly authorised by the Commissioner of agriculture. (Approved.)

5. The committee, having examined the programmes of several agricultural societies and found them not to be in conformity with the regulations of the Council, recommends: (a) That the existing rules be adhered to which prohibit the societies, under pain of losing their grants, purchasing stallions, or other breeding stock, which are not thoroughbred; (b) That the secretary of the Council communicate immediately with all the agricultural societies and notify them that they will have to conform to the rule of the Council above cited, as well as to all other rules of the Council that have been communicated to them; failing which, the grant in favour of these societies will not be paid over to them this year. (Approved.)

6. The committee recommends for adoption the two following forms of certificates, to be signed by the Veterinary-surgeons of the Council of agriculture; the former (A) for the purchase of stallions by the agricultural societies; the second (B) for horses winning prizes at the exhibitions:

A—Council of Agriculture of the province of Quebec

Permit of purchase.

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF STALLIONS.

In accordance with regulations of the Council governing the expenditure of public money in purchasing stallions for 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

measuring hands, marked as follows

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

I have also examined the pedigree certificates and find