

1. Resolved, unanimously : that the Hon. Joly de Lotbinière be re-elected President of the Council.

2. Resolved, unanimously : that Mr. Pilon be re-elected Vice-president.

Monseigneur Labelle was requested to make an official report on the contract made, in 1883, with MM. E. Sénécal & fils, for the printing of the *Journal of Agriculture* and on the execution of the said contract by the firm.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonisation drew the attention of the Council to the opportunity offered to the Agricultural societies of sending, each, one pupil to the agricultural schools; and expressed his regret that up to the present time so little advantage had been taken of it.

3. Resolved, unanimously : That a fresh notice be sent to each of the agricultural societies requesting them to make choice, at the general meeting in December, of a pupil who will be received and maintained *gratis* at one or the other of our agricultural schools, provided he conforms to the regulations therein established.

Resolved, in addition, that the principal newspapers of the province be requested to publish the above resolution.

4. Resolved, unanimously : That a committee on schools, composed of the Hon. M. Ouimet, president, and Messrs. Pilon, Blackwood, Tarte, and Ness, be appointed to visit the agricultural schools at L'Assomption and Ste-Anne de la Poëtière, and report thereon as soon as possible to the president of the Council, for transmission to the Hon. Commissioner.

In reply to the letter of Mr. S. C. Stevenson, secretary to the society of Ayrshire breeders, it was :

5. Resolved, unanimously : That in competitions where prizes are offered by agricultural societies for registered stock, entries be not accepted by the secretary before he has received a regular certificate of their registration.

Proposed by M. E. Casgrain, seconded by Mr. Ness, and carried :

That seeing that a vast number of animals of the sheep and pig species are now registered, many of which are to be found in the possession of the farmers of this province ;

And seeing that these animals are infinitely superior to the crosses of all kinds to be met with in our country parts ;

And seeing that it would be advantageous to apply to pigs and sheep the principles adopted by the Council of Agriculture to cattle and horses ; it be.

6. Resolved : That the agricultural societies be obliged to open distinct classes for registered sheep and pigs in their programme of operations and in their lists of pigs offered at the county and district exhibitions. Moreover ; seeing that it is costly and troublesome to make entries on the registers of foreign countries, it is also resolved : That the Council of Agriculture open registers for all pigs and sheep derived from registered animals imported into this province.

Proposed by M. Péloquin, seconded by The Hon. L. Sylvestre.

7. Resolved : that the agricultural societies be allowed to substitute for the clover and timothy seed they annually distribute among their members other sorts of grass-seeds, such as orohard-grass, Hungarian-grass, &c., at the choice of their subscribers.

In reply to a letter from the president of Agricultural Society No. 2 of Charlevoix, it was resolved : 1. That this society must only purchase thoroughbreds. 2. That the secretary of this society may receive the sum of \$50.00, in virtue of clause 1618 of the Revised Statutes, always providing that this sum do not exceed the 7% granted by law, on the expenditure of the society, the purchase of such animals being therein included.

8. Resolved, unanimously : That Drs. McEachran and Cou-

turo be requested to furnish a complete list of those veterinary surgeons whom they can recommend to the agricultural societies for the examination of stallions; and that Messrs. Pilon, A. Casgrain, Blackwood, Décarrie and Ness, form a committee to report on the veterinary surgeons to be recommended to the Council at its next meeting.

In reply to the request of the Saguenay agricultural society, it was resolved that this Society's grant for the current year, 1890, be refused, unless it sells the half-bred stallion it bought, in despite of its own rules and of the rules of the Council, and buy a thoroughbred registered stallion.

In reply to the request of certain farmers of the County of Megantic, praying that the limits of agricultural society No. 2 of the county of Megantic be defined in accordance with the law, which limits seemed to be unknown; it was resolved that the request be transmitted to the two existing societies of the county, and that they be asked to explain their views on this question as soon as possible, in order to enable the Council to decide on the said request at its next meeting.

In reply to a letter from the secretary of society No. 2 of Vaudreuil, advising the combination for the future of the two societies existing at present in this county, it was resolved that the present societies be informed that the Council cannot combine them unless the directors of the two societies make a formal request by a regular resolution passed at their respective annual meetings, and that this must be so as long as the two societies shall continue legally to exist and that clause 1623 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to their county.

In reply to the Rev. M. Provost, it was resolved that the Council regrets not to be able to grant his request, but it hopes that the farm in question may be entered in the Provincial Competition of Agricultural Merit, which involves no expenditure on the part of the applicant.

It was resolved, in answer to the prayer of society No. 1 of Rimouski, that in view of the circumstances of, and the efforts made by, this society to conform to the rules of the Council, and the impossibility of finding a veterinary surgeon at the proper time, the society be authorised, for this once, to pay over the amount of the prizes given to the stallions at its last exhibition.

In answer to a request for a diploma and a gratuity on the part of M. Edmond Jobin, a licensed (*breveté*) pupil of the agricultural school at Ste-Anne, it was resolved that its consideration be remitted to the next meeting of the Council, in order that the powers of the said Council as regards the request may be ascertained.

9. Resolved, unanimously : That for the future the sums paid for entries to the exhibitions or to the competitions of the best cultivated farms be not considered as forming part of the subscriptions which confer a right to the government-grants.

10. That with a view to the putting into accordance with the law of the practice of the agricultural societies, which after having conformed to the provisions of section 1616 of Revised Statutes of the province for their institution and organisation, when once instituted, or organised, recognise as members all those who pay their annual subscription regularly, without compelling them to sign the declaration mentioned in schedule A of the said section ;

And seeing that the introduction of any further formality than the honest payment of the annual subscription would still more increase the difficulties which impede the recruiting of members to fill up the gaps which are continually occurring in these societies ;

The Council recommends the amendment of the said section 1616 by the substitution of the following paragraph for the second paragraph of the said section :