

report of the committee appointed to visit the principal creameries of the State of New York, and to study the system on which they are conducted.

Mr Marsan, seconded by Mr Guilbault, moved: That the thanks of the Council be voted to the members of the committee for the interesting report which they have just submitted to the Council, and that their excellent report lie on the table until the next meeting, for the more special study of the members of the Council, (carried).

A petition from the Agricultural Society (n° 1) of the Co. of Pontiac was read, saying that: as on account of the purchase of an estate, and of the construction thereon of certain buildings for the county exhibitions, and, also, on account of the compulsory purchase of a certain quantity of "goëmon biphosphaté," the funds of their Society are very low, the said Society pray to be exempted from holding the competition for the best cultivated farms this year.

Resolved: That the Council regrets that the Agricultural Society (n° 1) of the Co. of Pontiac did not forward the resolution in question in time to be laid before the meeting of last March, as was requested by circular, but at the same time, under present circumstances, the Council does not refuse to grant the petition.

A request was read from the Agricultural Society of the Co. of Quebec stating: That the competition for the best cultivated farms cannot possibly be held in this county because, 1st, no system of rotation is followed; 2nd, the farms, an account of the great subdivision of property, are not as large as the rules demand; 3rd, the farmers have not a stock of cattle proportionate to the extent of their land.

Resolved: That the Council of Agriculture, considering the advanced season at which the petition is presented, consents, once more, to exempt the Agricultural Society of the County of Quebec from holding a competition this year for the best cultivated farms; but with the express understanding, that for the future, this county must conform to the rules of the Council, under penalty of losing its grant.

A petition was read from the President of the Agricultural Society of the Co. of Verchères, stating: that he has received an account from the government for 4 tons of goëmon-biphosphaté, amounting to \$104.00, plus the freight, \$30.00, and, moreover declaring that this amount would be retained from the grant to the society this year; that the president informed the government that the society had never received the manure in question; that there was a mistake in the quantity charged; and that, besides, it was too late, then, (in July) to be of any use.

The President, in conclusion, requests the Council to free the said society from the necessity of paying the said account, and to direct that its grant for the present year shall be paid in full.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Somerville, moved: That the Council having learned that certain Agricultural Societies have never received their quota of goëmon-biphosphaté, in accordance with the distribution made by government, while others complain of having received more than the 2 tons destined to each society, according to the resolution passed by the Council on the 4th of last May; the Council takes the liberty of requesting the government to take whatever steps it shall think fit to find out the exact quantity of goëmon-biphosphaté received by the different Agricultural Societies, before it makes any deductions from their respective grants; in order to avoid any injustice to the said societies.

A letter was read from Mr Arthur Corneiller, a member of the Agricultural Society of Berthier, complaining that the directors of the said society have avoided holding a competition for the best cultivated farms this year, by imposing

conditions impossible of realisation in these competitions.

A report was read from the President and Secretary of the Berthier Agricultural Society, stating that, in spite of their efforts to hold a competition for the best cultivated farms, they have not received a single entry. They request that the government grant be paid to them, to enable the society to discharge the debt contracted by the former directors, a debt which has very much restricted the operations of the said society.

Resolved: That a copy of Mr Corneiller's letter, respecting the operations of the Agricultural Society of the Co. of Berthier, be sent to the directors of the said society, and that the government grant be retained, until more ample information as to the operations of the said society be received.

A request was read from divers members of the Agricultural Society of the Co. of Assomption, complaining of certain regulations of the said society as injurious to their rights.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Gibb, moved: That the Council of Agriculture having learned that the books of the Society of Agriculture of the Co. of Assomption contained certain regulations passed by the said society, but not sanctioned by this council, the Secretary be instructed to inform the Agricultural Society of Assomption that all rules not approved by this council must be erased from its books, as being illegal (carried).

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Council be authorized to pay over the grant to the different fruit-growers association, as soon as the committee shall be convinced that the said societies shall have conformed to the regulations of this council.

Mr Benoit, seconded by Mr Casavant, moved: That the Agricultural Societies be permitted, for the year 1882, to omit their annual exhibition, and to employ their funds in the purchase of thoroughbred breeding stock, after having obtained the leave of this council at its meeting in March next. (carried)

Resolved: That every Agricultural Society, that has obtained leave to employ its funds in the purchase of thoroughbred breeding stock, shall be obliged to forward to the office of the council, on or before the first of January next, a report pointing out the breed of each animal, its cost, and from whom bought; the whole accompanied by a certified pedigree of the animal; and that a circular to that effect be sent to the Agricultural Societies.

A petition was read from the Agricultural Society (n° 1) of the Co. of Megantic, praying to be exempted from holding a competition for the best cultivated farms, to enable it to buy Shorthorn bulls.

The desired leave was granted.

A letter from Mr MoEchran, about the bursaries (Anglice, *scholarships*) of the Veterinary College of Montreal, was referred to the committee on schools.

The report of the Montreal Veterinary College for the year 1880 was laid on the table until the next meeting of the council, to enable the members to make themselves acquainted with its contents.

A petition was read from the Agricultural Society of the Co. of Jacques Cartier, asking leave to suppress the prizes for the competition for the best cultivated farms, on account of the great expense caused to the said society by the purchase of a thoroughbred Clyde stallion at the price of \$1500.00. By granting this permission, the council would assist the said society in paying off the debt thus contracted.

Resolved: That the said petition be granted.

Certified copy.

(Signed)
(From the French.)

Montreal, 15th Nov. 1881.
GEORGE LECLÈRE, Secretary.