

The report of the Visiting Committee on Schools was read :
And the Council adjourned till 2 P. M.

SESSION OF 2 P. M.

PRESENT :—the Hon. Messrs. Archambault, E. Dionne, G. Ouimet, J. J. Ross, and Messrs. Browning, Blackwood, E. Casgrain, A. Casavant, A. Guilbault, I. Marsan, Massie, Lesage, Rhodes, Tarte, and Gibb.

The Secretary submitted and read the documents relating to the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the Agricultural Society of the county of Saint Maurice.

M. Michel Bourassa and one of the directors of the said society were introduced, and explained to the committee how the above mentioned troubles had arisen, and after discussion, Mr. Browning, seconded by M. Casavant, moved :

That the Secretary of the Council of Agriculture be directed to pay over the grant for the present year to the Saint-Maurice Agricultural Society ; but at the same time to impress upon the said society that the Council does not intend thereby to establish a precedent ; and that, for the future the society must conform to the instructions of the Council or else lose its grant. (Carried.)

M. Marsan, seconded by M. Tarte, moved : That the President of the Council be authorized to pay over the annual grants to the agricultural societies for the purchase of breeding stock only on condition that the said societies furnish a certificate of pedigree, together with a certificate of approval, of the stock so purchased, signed by the Veterinary Surgeons appointed by the Council, viz. Messrs. Couture and McEachran. (Carried.)

Mr. Browning, seconded by M. Ouimet, moved . That, for the guidance of the members of the Council, the Secretary be instructed to prepare and cause to be printed a copy of all rules and regulations passed by the Council actually in force and relating either to the Council, to the Agricultural Schools, or to the Horticultural and Agricultural Societies of this province : that a complete index to the proceedings of the Council since its institution be also prepared, that, as it is most important that these rules and regulations be printed and circulated among the members of the Council without delay, the Secretary be authorized to procure all the assistance he may require to insure the prompt distribution of the said documents : that, as soon as these documents shall be distributed, the Executive Committee be requested to examine them, to give them serious attention ; and to make a report on them to the Council as soon as possible. (Carried.)

The reading of the reports of the directors of the agricultural schools at Ste. Anne, L'Assomption, and Richmond, for the past year, occupied the rest of the session ; and the Council adjourned till the next day, November 24th, at 9 A. M.

SESSION OF NOVEMBER 24TH, 9 A. M.

PRESENT :—Messrs. Archambault, Ouimet, Dionne, Ross, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, E. Casavant, Gibb, Lesage, Marsan, Massie, Rhodes, and Tarte.

Was read, the report of the President of the Committee on Horticultural Societies, showing the progress of these societies and the amount of good done by them since their foundation in advancing the cultivation of fruit in this province.

M. Ouimet, paid a just tribute of praise to these societies, affirming that, during his visit to the last Intercolonial Exhibition held in London, he was convinced that the fruit from Canada was immensely superior to that exhibited by the other colonies both in quality and quantity ; and that this superb collection, while it commanded the admiration of all skilled orchardists, contributed not a little to the enlightenment of the general population as to the advantages enjoyed by the Canadian soil and climate already known so advantageously

from other sources. M. Ouimet concluded by saying that he was sure that our fruit growers would find, both in England and on the Continent, a certain and profitable market.

The report of the Principal of the Veterinary College of Montreal was read, and M. Ouimet, seconded by Mr. Blackwood, moved :

That the report of the Principal of the Montreal Veterinary College be received, and that the grant made to the English Veterinary College of Montreal be continued by the Government, the Council recommending that the amount of the grant in question be equal to that allocated to the Quebec Veterinary School, the Council esteeming both these schools of equal value to the province.

Was read, a letter from the Rev. M. Marcoux and M. Daubigny, director and principal of the French Veterinary School affiliated to Laval University, asking to be put on the same footing as the other two schools, and to be placed especially under the patronage of the Council of Agriculture.

Mr. J. J. Ross, seconded by M. Dionne, moved : That the request of MM. Marcoux and Daubigny be referred to a special committee charged to study the question, and Messrs. Massie, Archambault, Ouimet, Tarte, Lesage, and the mover, constitute the committee in question.

This motion being put to the vote, was carried by the following divisions :

For . Messrs. Browning, Archambault, Casgrain, Casavant, Marsan, Dionne, Ross, and Blackwood. (8)

Against . Messrs. Ouimet, Tarte, Lesage, and Rhodes. (4)

A petition was read from the Abbotsford Horticultural Society, praying to be exempted from holding competitions, in order to employ the funds of the society in the purchase of Russian fruit-trees for acclimatisation and distribution throughout this country. (Carried.)

A petition, from the Agricultural Society, No. 2, of the county of Charlevoix, was read, stating that, owing to the efforts and expenditure made in order to its worthy representation at the provincial exhibition, this society had been unable to hold its County Exhibition this year, and in consequence the society begged to be allowed to retain the Government grant for this year, in order to hold a more important exhibition next year, and to augment the prizes for Canadian horses and cattle, both of which exist in this county in greater numbers than in any other county in the province. Petition granted.

Mr. Browning informed the County that it is the intention of the Montreal Horticultural Society to hold an important meeting at Quebec, to share in which all those interested in the cultivation of fruit in this province will be invited.

Resolved : That the Council learn with lively satisfaction that the Horticultural Society intends to hold its next meeting at Quebec, for the purpose of there discussing matters relating to the culture of fruit ; that, considering the great advantages of these meetings, and that, in the opinion of the Council, it is important to insure the presence there of the representatives of those parts of the province in which such culture is chiefly practised, the Council submits the above proposition to the favourable consideration of the Government, and recommends that a sum of \$200 be placed at the disposition of the said society, to be employed in part payment of the expenses of the delegates from the more distant parts of the province.

At the invitation of the Council, Mr. F. Lyster, President of the Agricultural School at Richmond, entered into certain explanations concerning the improvements made at the school, the course of study pursued there, and its general management.

The Hon. J. J. Ross, seconded by the Hon. E. Dionne, moved : That, in the opinion of the Council, the Richmond