

the means fitted to ensure the successful working of the agricultural societies," and which has made a special study of all the details connected with the agricultural societies, and with the progress and usefulness of the said societies. The council, therefore, prays the government to recall the amendment Viot. 46, chap. 12, and to leave the act of agriculture as it was originally drawn by the statute Viot. 32, chap. 15, sect. 86. (Carried.)

A letter was read from Dr. McEachran, informing the council of a sale of Clyde stallions and brood-mares imported last September, and requesting the council to draw the attention of the agricultural societies of the province to the advantages offered by this sale, where they will find an opportunity of providing themselves with pure-bred animals at a reasonable price.

Resolved: That a circular be addressed to the agricultural societies pointing out the advantages which they would have in profiting by this sale to obtain pure-bred stallions and brood mares on easy conditions, and at a reasonable price.

A report was read from the committee charged with the duty of visiting the agricultural schools at Lansing, Michigan, and Guelph, Ontario.

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Lussier, moved: That the report of the committee charged with the duty of visiting the agricultural schools of Lansing and Guelph be received, and that the government be requested to give its serious attention to the suggestions therein made, and that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of the report to each of the members of the provincial legislature. (Carried.)

The Rev. L. Pilote, seconded by the Hon. L. Arohambault, moved: That the government be requested to grant five exhibitions, of \$60.00, in addition to those already given by the council of agriculture, to each of the agricultural schools of L'Assomption, St. Anne, and St. Francois, and to the veterinary college at Montreal.

This question, put to the vote, was carried on the following division. For: Messrs. Pilote, Casavant, Gauthier, Martin, Guilbault, E. Casgrain, Marsan, Arohambault, and A. Casgrain (9). Against: Messrs. Browning, Somerville, and Lussier (3).

Mr. Chas. Gibb did not vote on this question.

The report of the committee on horticultural societies was again submitted to the council, and it was resolved: That the report of the committee on horticultural societies be received and approved.

The Hon. G. Ouimet gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would propose: That all the rules concerning the admission of candidates to the agricultural schools be amended as follows: no one shall be admitted to the agricultural schools without having passed, an examination in following subjects: writing, reading grammar, the elements of geography, dictation, elementary history of Canada, and arithmetic as far as the rule of three inclusive; that a certificate be granted him by the person or persons charged by the council with the duty of examination; and, in addition, that the candidate be at least 15 years old, in the enjoyment of good health, and the bearer of a certificate of good moral conduct. And the council adjourned.

Certified true copy.

(Signed)

GEORGES LECLÈRE,

Secretary.

From the French.

The Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, 20th May 1884.

Present: Messrs. Massue, Pilote, Ouimet, DeBlois, Lue-

sier, Cochrane, Gauthier, Gibb, Casavant, Lomyre, Marsan, Guilbault, Blackwood.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition from the ploughing association of Missisquoi county was read, requesting the council to give a special grant in aid of ploughing matches in that county.

Resolved: That this council has observed with pleasure the efforts made by the Missisquoi ploughing association to encourage ploughing matches in that county; but the council regrets that the means at its disposal will not permit it to accompany its approval with a grant of money for that purpose.

A petition was read from society No. 1 of Chicoutimi county, informing the council that the aforesaid county possesses two agricultural societies, and that the annual grant is not enough to allow all the desired amount of good to be carried out. The society therefore hopes that the council will recommend the government to vote it an additional grant in aid.

Resolved: That after having considered the petition of society No. 1 of Chicoutimi county, this council is of opinion that as the Act of Agriculture has already settled the amount of the grants to be made to the agricultural societies of the province of Quebec, it is impossible for the council to grant this request.

After a discussion on the subject of agricultural education and other matters, the council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

SESSION OF 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present: Messrs. Massue, Ouimet, DeBlois, Lussier, Gibb, Marsan, Lemire, Blackwood, Casavant, Guilbault, Pilote, Gauthier, Martin, and the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Hon. Mr. Ross submitted to the council a scheme of the several amendments he proposes to make in the Act of Agriculture. (1)

After discussion, it was resolved: That this council approves of the suggested amendments to the Act of Agriculture.

Then followed the reading and discussion of a notice of motion, made at the last session, relative to the agricultural schools of the province, which notice reads as follows:

Seeing that experience proves that it is of the greatest importance that those young people who intend to follow the course of the agricultural schools, subject to the control of this council should possess sufficient instruction to enable them to profit by the scientific teaching given in the said schools; and that it is necessary to make regulations to that effect, Mr. Ouimet proposed that it be resolved:

That, from the 1st May 1885, no candidate shall be admitted to the schools of agriculture under the control of this council without having passed an examination in the following subjects:

1. The elements of grammar and geography.
2. An abridgment of the history of Canada.
3. Dictation.
4. Arithmetic as far as the rule of three, inclusive.

Each candidate shall, in addition, be furnished with a satisfactory certificate of moral conduct; his age shall be not less than fifteen years, and his health shall be good.

The board of examiners shall be composed of those members of this council who form the visiting-committee of schools; and the members of the said committee shall appoint one or three persons to examine the candidates, and to report to the board on their qualifications.

(1) *Projet de loi*—a bill.