

advantage of its members, any more than it can allow a profit to be made by each of its members of 75c. in the distribution of seed.

Leaveo was asked for by the Society No. 1. of the county of Montmorency to buy seed and breeding stock with the subscriptions of its members.

The permission sought was granted by the Council, pointing out at the same time that the Society must not spend its money for the private benefit of its members.

The Agricultural Society of the county of Quebec prayed the Council to suspend its regulations as to the purchase of thorough-bred stock, the rules in question placing the very existence of the Society in peril, it also states that it does not distribute seed to its members, but instead, it gives, as an *extra prize*, a sum equal to the amount of his subscription to each exhibitor who has not gained a prize at its exhibition.

Resolved: that the Council cannot change its determination not to allow the Societies to give prizes to half-bred bulls: the Council, moreover, finds itself obliged to oppose the system followed by the Society of the county of Quebec of giving an indemnity in money to the unsuccessful competitors at its Exhibitions; which would have the effect of enabling the Society to transact all its business, and carry on its affairs with the government grant alone, the members only subscribing with the understanding that later they shall receive their money back again.

A letter, from Dr. McEachran, was read, inviting the members of the Council, to be present at the distribution of diplomas and prizes to the pupils of the Veterinary College, at 4 P. M.

The invitation was accepted, and the members having decided to be present at the distribution of prizes and diplomas, the Council adjourned till 2 P. M.

Session at 2 P. M.

The same members being present, the Council took into consideration the work brought out by the Rev. M. Pilote on the Programme for the best cultivated farms.

Resolved: That the final approbation of the programme in question, as revised and corrected, be reserved for another meeting.

The Council took into consideration the notice of motion given by M. Benoit, at the last meeting, recommending Shorthorn bulls as being the best calculated to improve the stock of the country, as regards Exhibitions.

The advice of the Executive Committee, suggesting that the Agricultural Societies should have the right to choose the animals they purchase, themselves, always provided that they are pure-bred, was adopted on the following division:

For: Messrs. Somerville, Marsan, Beaubien, Casgrain, Gibb, Blackwood, Browning (7).

Against: Messrs. Gaudet, Benoit, Ross (3).

Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Somerville, moved: That Mr. Browning be added to the Committee of the Schools of Agriculture: carried.

Mr. Bonyn was introduced, and explained to the Council his views on the use of pulverised *apatite*, or *phosphate of lime*, its value as a fertiliser, and the facilities which exist for its preparation. Mr. Bonyn offered to present the members of the Council with a certain quantity of this artificial manure, to enable them to make a trial of its effects.

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Somerville, moved: That no future payment be made to the Agricultural Schools of L'Assomption and St. Francis, as long as these schools shall not have forwarded their annual report for the year 1879 to the Council.

The consideration of the report of the St. Anne's School of Agriculture was put off to another time, and the Council adjourned till the next day, to enable the members to be

present at the distribution of diplomas at the Veterinary College.

Wednesday, 31 March, 1880, 9 A. M.

The same members being present, at the request of the Hon. G. G. Ross, the Council reconsidered its decision, of the date of Jan. 14th 1880, obliging the agricultural Societies to give prizes to no bulls that are not thorough-bred; and, after discussion, Mr. Ross, seconded by M. Pilote, moved:

That the Canadian breed of cattle, or that breed crossed with foreign stock, offers, in certain districts of the country, sufficient advantages to justify the Council in awarding prizes to Canadian bulls, or half-bred Canadian bulls, without demanding their pedigrees, so long as the weight and form of the animals in question testify that their breeders have taken pains to improve the sort; but without prejudice to the encouragement which ought to be given to the system of crossing with thorough-bred animals, which, generally speaking, offers much greater advantages.

This motion, put to the vote, was lost on the following division:

For: Messrs. Ross and Pilote (2).

Against: Messrs. Marsan, Casgrain, Blackwood, Beaubien, Browning, Somerville. (6)

The question as to the purchase and distribution of seed by the Societies of Agriculture was again taken up, and Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Casgrain, moved:

That the advantage of sowing grass-seeds is not yet sufficiently recognized, and, in order to encourage the practice, the Council should allow the societies to pay to the members the amount of their subscriptions in seed, whenever they shall think it advisable.

This motion, put to the vote, was lost on the following division:

For: Messrs. Ross and Casgrain. (2)

Against: Messrs. Marsan, Beaubien, Browning, Blackwood, Somerville, Pilote (6).

A letter was read, from Mr. James Duncan, on an apparent contradiction between the regulations of the Council and the Act of Agriculture, as to the election of Directors of the Agricultural Societies. The Secretary was instructed to answer Mr. Duncan's letter, and to give him all the necessary explanations.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved this 5th of August, 1880.

(Signed) L. H. MASSUE, President.
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True copy.

(Signed) GEORGES LECLÈRE, Secretary.

Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, August 5th, 1880.

PRESENT: Messrs. Benoit, Browning, Casavant, DeBlois, Faribault, Gaudet, Gibb, Guilbault, Massue, Somerville, Ross, and the Revd. S. Tassé.

The President having taken the chair, the Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting of the Council, which were approved.

Mr. Browning enquired if the proceedings of the last meeting had received the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Secretary produced a letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 31st of July last, informing him that the resolutions passed by the Council of Agriculture at their meetings of the 27th of August 1879, and the 15th of January 1880, would be approved on the day the letter was written, except the resolution by which the Agricultural Societies are forbidden to give prizes to half-bred bulls, which resolution was still under consideration.