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COPY.

Copy of the report of a committee of the honourable Executive Council, dated 10th of August, 1882.—Approved by the Lieutenant Governor 9th of September, 1882.

As to the approval of the deliberations of the Council of Agriculture.

The honourable Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works in a memorial, dated the tenth of August, 1882, recommends: that the deliberations of the Council of Agriculture of the 25th of October, 1881, and of the 1st and 2nd of March, 1882, be approved, in conformity with the act 32 Vict., ch. 15, sect. 39, with the exception of the recommendation of an additional grant of \$200.00 in favour of the Montreal Horticultural Society.

The committee concurs in this recommendation, and submits it for the approbation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Certified copy.

(Signed) **JOS. A. DEFOY, Clerk Ex. Council.**

Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, Oct. 26th, 1881.

Present, Messrs Beaubien, Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casavant, Casgrain, DeBlois, Faribault, Gibb, Guilbault, Marsan, Massue, the Revd Messrs Pilote and S. Tassé, and Mr Somerville.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the reports of the agricultural schools of St. Anne and St. Francis for the present year, and the report of the committee appointed to visit the agricultural schools during the summer of 1881.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Benoit, moved: "That the report of the committee on schools lie on the table till the next meeting of the Council, to enable members to become more thoroughly acquainted with-it." (carried)

Messrs N. S. Whitney, W. Evans and Hy. Evans, delegates of the Montreal Horticultural Society, were introduced, and made a statement to the following effect: That for a number of years the reports of the Society have always been published and paid for by an annual grant from the government, amounting to \$200.00, but that for the last two years, for reasons unknown to them, they have not received the grant; and they request the Council to have the goodness to use their influence with the government to obtain for the Society a continuance of the grant; without which it will be impossible for them to publish the said reports, which are of special interest to the province.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Somerville, moved: That, considering the great importance of the publication of the reports of the Montreal Horticultural Society, and the incalculable good conferred on the province by their diffusion, the government, through the intervention of this Council, be respectfully requested to assist the publications of the said reports by the continuance of the annual grant of \$200.00; and that moreover, this council would view with pleasure the translation of the reports into French, and their publication in that language, for distribution in the different counties of the province.

Mr Benoit, seconded by Mr Tassé, moved in amendment: That, while recommending the grant, the Council regrets that the Horticultural Exhibition is not held at the same time and on the same spot as the Provincial Exhibition, by which plan the public would profit more fully than heretofore by the said Horticultural Exhibition.

The amendment, having been put to the vote, was lost on the following division:

For: Messrs Benoit, Casavant, Guilbault, Tassé, (4).

Against: Messrs Beaubien, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, Faribault, Gibb, Marsan, Somerville, (8).

The original motion was then carried on the same division.

A letter was read from Col. Rhodes, of Quebec, stating that for the last 20 years he has been a life-member of the Agricultural Society of Lower Canada, and, as such, has been entitled to free admission to all the provincial exhibitions. That, not having received his admission ticket for the last provincial exhibition, he requests the Council to repay him the sum of \$10.00, the amount of his subscription.

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Gibb, moved: That the request of Col. Rhodes, dated October 1st, that the sum of \$10, the amount of his subscription as life-member of the Agricultural Society of Lower Canada, be repaid to him, be granted.

This motion was put to the vote and lost on the following division.

For: Messrs Blackwood, Browning, Gibb, (3).

Against: Messrs Benoit, Casavant, Faribault, Guilbault, Marsan, Somerville, Tassé, (7).

And the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The same members being present, the Secretary read the