

beyond a very limited number, horses filling the required conditions. We have barely furnished three per cent. of the horses purchased, and this notwithstanding the fact that Canada is recognized as a country very well adapted to the breeding of horses.

"We have thus lost an excellent opportunity of realizing large profits, and this, not because we had not horses, but because the horses we had were not deemed adapted and fit for the service for which they were intended.

"Consequently there is in the breeding of horses, suitable as army remounts, as also for general commerce, prospects of handsome revenue for the agricultural classes.

"If I have deemed it my duty to thus especially invite your attention to this decision of the Council of Agriculture, it is because I am fully convinced that it can, judiciously employed, render most important services to farmers, and, that yourselves will see your way clear to joining your efforts to those of your fellow citizens, who are interested in the welfare and progress of agriculture, which is the very basis of our national future.

"The new council regulations relative to conservation bounties and the purchase of progenitors will be forwarded to you shortly."

I have the honour to be,  
Your devoted servant,

F.-G. MIVILLE DÉCHÈNE,  
*Commissioner of Agriculture.*

As can be readily seen by this letter, the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec is very favorably disposed towards the