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A letter was read from M. Eug. Guilbault, member of the Council, explaining the reason of his absence from this meeting.

A letter, dated 28th February last, was read from M. F. N. Ritohic, member of this council, giving in his resignation as a member of the Council of Agriculture.

A letter was read from Dr. Couture, V. S., inviting the members of the council to be present that evening at the examination of the pupils of the Veterinary school of Quebec; which invitation was accepted for that evening at 8.

In reply to a request from MM. J. Coulombe and A. Denis, asking that the date of the shearing of sheep might be advanced from the first of May (*sic*) as at present fixed by the regulations, to the first of March (*sic*):

It was resolved, on the motion of M. E. Casgrain, seconded by M. Robert Ness: that in future, "sheep intended for exhibition at the agricultural shows must be shorn clean on the first of April or subsequently."

In reply to the request of Mr. Thos. Kelly and others, farmers of the county of Megantic, that the limits between the agricultural societies of that county be fixed in accordance with the plan sent with this request. The question was referred to a committee composed of the Hon. S. Sylvestre, M. J. Marsan and H. Moore, who, after having heard the petitioners as well as the opponents of the said request, reported to the council advising it to grant the request.

In consequence, it was resolved, that in future, the municipalities of South-Ireland and Coleraine, South-Thetford, North-Thetford, East-Leeds, Leeds, Inverness, North-Ireland, and Nelson, be comprised in the limits of the Agricultural Society No. 1 of the county of Megantic, and that the rest of the county form the territory of the Agricultural Society No. 2 of the county of Megantic.

Resolved: that these changes shall not take effect until after the 1st November next—1891—and that the secretary of the council shall then send to the parties interested such information as is necessary to assist them in organising the two societies on these new bases.

Noon having arrived, the council adjourned to enable the president to preside at the lottery between the agricultural societies for the six stallions to be supplied by the National Haras this year.

#### THE COUNCIL MET AGAIN AT 2 P. M.

The petition of Agricultural Society, No. 2 of Pontiac, having been considered, the secretary was instructed to draw the attention of this society to the rules of the council, and to warn them that they must conform to them.

In reply to a petition from Agricultural Society, No. 2, of Megantic, as well as to petitions from Témiscouata, Gaspé, No. 5, and Lotbinière, No. 1, the secretary received the same instructions.

In reply to a petition from M. N. Poirier and others, farmers of St. Félix de Valois, in Joliette county, praying that their parish might be detached from the territory of society No. 1 of the county of Joliette and annexed to that of society No. 2;

After having ascertained that notice had been duly given to the society No. 1, of the county of the said petition, and seeing that this society had not thought fit to oppose it; and considering also the consent of society No. 2, expressed in its resolution of December 24th, 1890; it was resolved that the prayer be granted.

A letter dated 1st December, 1890, was read from MM. E. Senécal and Sons, publishers of the *Journal of Agricul-*

*ture*, declaring that they were ready to fulfil the conditions of their contract, as regards the number of lectures they were obliged to have delivered at their own expense, as well as all other conditions of the contract between them and the government.

The President communicated to the Council an account of the organisation of the Association of the Percheron Stud-book of Canada, and announced that the president of the Council of Agriculture had been elected Honorary President of that association, and the Vice-President of the Council of Agriculture, one of its directors.

Resolved unanimously: that the best way of awakening the interest of our farmers in the direction of agricultural progress and to the increase the number of members of the societies, would be to distribute gratuitously the *Journal of Agriculture* to all the members of the said societies;

That the government be respectfully prayed to take this matter into its serious consideration, and that the Council trusts that measures will be taken necessary to insure a result so desirable in every way.

After having considered the petition of M. E. Jobin, the secretary was instructed to tell him in reply, that the council regrets not to be able to comply with his request.

The report of the Committee on Agricultural Schools, dated November 21st, 1890, as well as the replies made to that report by the directors of the said schools, were then read and discussed.

The said Report of the Committee on Schools was then adopted, on the motion of the Hon. S. Sylvestre, seconded by M. Rochelcau, in its form and tenor, and the committee was requested to visit the two schools, in the first week of April next, to see if it were possible to come to an understanding with the Directors of the schools, so that the recommendations of the Committee be put in force.

The Committee appointed in virtue of a resolution, No. 8, of the Deliberations of the Council of Agriculture, October, 29th and 30th, 1890, reported: that it met on the 10th of the present month, and that Drs McEachran and Couture submitted to it, as required by the Council, a report and two lists, containing the names of the veterinary surgeons whom they consider competent, in different degrees, to act in the examination of stallions before their entries to competition at the agricultural exhibitions.

After having maturely deliberated on this question, it was resolved: that in view of the absence of the necessary resources to organise a system of inspection as perfect as the Council desires, each society shall be permitted to select a veterinary surgeon for this inspection, on condition that their choice shall be approved beforehand by the Department of Agriculture. The said veterinaries are to be paid by the agricultural societies, and are not to receive more than \$10.00 a day.

The Council adjourned at 6 P. M., to attend the examination at the Veterinary School.

#### SESSION OF THE 12TH. MARCH.

The same being present.

The resolution of the Committee on Agriculture of the Legislative Assembly, on *ensilage*, requesting the Council of Agriculture to take, with the concurrence of the agricultural societies, the steps necessary to encourage this great improvement in agriculture, was taken into consideration.

Resolved: that the Government be respectfully prayed to authorise this Council to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 out of the balance of \$5,000.00 voted by the legislature for the agricultural societies for the year 1891, '92; this sum to be distributed among the agricultural societies to be by