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## OUR ENGRAVINGS.

Cotswold sheep, bred by Messrs. G. Snell & Sons, Edmonton, Ont. — Skeleton of the horse, and horse's foot, &c.—Poultry house.—Hambledonian stallion, Alexander H. Sherman; Bred by Mr. Baikman, foaled in 1870; by Baikman's Idol, he by Rysdyk's Hambledonian, back through Messenger, Morgan, Bashaw, to imported Diomed.

### Meeting of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

*Official report of the deliberations of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.*

Quebec, August 27th, 1879.

Present: The Hon. Messrs. Cochrane, J. Gaudet, Beaubien and Messrs. Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casavant, Casgrain, Deblois, Gibb, Guilbault, Massue, Pilote and Sommerville.

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

The President then stated that, at the request of the Premier, he had called a special meeting of the Council to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a Beet-Sugar factory, and a manufactory of Superphosphate of lime, in this province. He had learnt, however, since his arrival at Quebec, that the Government had settled the former question, so that there only remained for the consideration of the Council the establishment of a manufactory of Superphosphate.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on phosphates, of the 20th of November 1878.

At the request of the President, Mr. LeSage, deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, was introduced. He stated that, for several reasons, the Hon. Commissioner had disposed of the question of the establishment of a Beet-Sugar factory, in favour of Mr. Loomer, and after several observations from Mr. Casavant on the subject, the question of phosphates was discussed, and it was proposed by Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Casavant: That a committee be named, composed of Messrs. Massue, Benoit and Browning, to come to an understanding with the Government, as to the establishment of a Superphosphate manufactory, and as to the encouragement it

should receive, as well as to support the views of the Council on this important subject. (carried).

Mr. Browning called the attention of the Council to the promise made by Mr. Joly, at the meeting of the 20th of November 1878, to enter, in the estimates of the present year, a sum of \$500.00 to be given by the Council for the encouragement of "fruit-growing firms."

Mr. Browning suggested that the sum placed this year in the estimates should be distributed through the Council.

Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Gadet, moved:

That a Committee be named, consisting of Messrs. Browning, Beaubien, and Massue, to prepare rules for the government of the "fruit growing firms," to determine what share of the grant shall be given to each, and in general, to arrange all the details of their operations.

And the Council adjourned.

I certify this to be a true copy.

(Signed) GEORGES LEOLÈRE.

*Montreal, Jan. 14th, 1880.*

Present: The Hon. Messrs. Beaubien, Cochrane, Gadet, Ouimet; Messrs. Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casavant, Faribault, Guilbault, Marsan, Massue and Sommerville; the Revds. Messrs. Pilote and Tassé.

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

The President then read his annual address.

Resolved: That the address of the President be received with thanks.

Mr. Browning, seconded by the Revd. Mr. Pilote, moved: That Mr. Massue be re-elected President of the Council for the present year.

Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Sommerville, moved: That the Hon. Mr. Gaudet, be elected Vice-President of the Council for the present year.

The report of the Committee appointed to visit the schools was read.

Resolved: That the report of the school-committee be received, the thanks of the Council given to the Revd. Mr. Pilote for the information given in the said report, and its consideration deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Gaudet, seconded by Mr. Benoit, moved: That the next Provincial Exhibition be held at Montreal, and that the Government be requested to name, as soon as possible, a joint Exhibition Committee as directed by the law, and to provide sufficient funds to carry it out successfully. (carried).

The regulations for the management of "Fruit-growing firms" were read.

Resolved: That the rules prepared by the Committee for the regulation of "Fruit-growing firms", be approved, and that the sum of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) be granted to the society of Abbotsford, as a mark of encouragement, and at the same time to aid it in printing its annual report.