

most sincere sympathy to the bereaved family of Mr. Faribault on the sad loss it has sustained, and orders a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the family of Mr. Faribault.

The Hon. G. Ouimet, seconded by Mr. A. Casgrain, moved: That Mr. L. H. Massue be reelected president for the present year. (Carried.)

The Hon. L. Archambault, seconded by Mr. A. Somerville, moved: That Mr. J. M. Browning be reelected vice-president for the present year. (Carried.)

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Browning, seconded by the Hon. G. Ouimet, moved: That the executive committee be composed as follows: The Hon. L. Archambault, president, J. M. Browning, L. H. Massue, A. Casgrain, J. J. A. Marsan, E. Casgrain, A. Casavant. (Carried.)

Mr. A. Casgrain, seconded by Mr. O. Gauthier, moved: That the Committee on Horticultural societies be composed as follows: Chas. Gibb, president, E. Casgrain, J. Lemyre, H. Lussier. (Carried.)

#### COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

The Hon. G. Ouimet, seconded by Mr. J. M. Browning, moved: That the committee on schools be composed as follows: Rev. F. Pilote, president, E. Casgrain, O. Gauthier, S. H. Blackwood, the Hon. G. Ouimet. (Carried.)

There were read the following reports:

St. Anne's agricultural school.

L'Assomption agricultural school.

St. Francis agricultural school.

Committee on schools.

Committee on agricultural societies.

And the council adjourned to 2 p. m.

#### SESSION OF 2 P. M.

The same being present, the secretary read a petition from the inhabitants of part of the county of St. Maurice asking for the formation of a second agricultural society in that county.

The council permitted Messrs. Gérin Lajoie and F. X. Bellemare to discuss this question of the division of the county of St. Maurice before it. After having heard opinions on both sides of the question, it was resolved: That the prayer of a certain part of the county of St. Maurice, requesting to be allowed to form a second society of agriculture in that county, be refused, as that county does not come within the limits insisted upon by the council. (1)

The council considered the different reports of the agricultural schools. The report of the L'Assomption school was received and approved, but as to the reports of the schools of St. Anne and St. Francis, Mr. Ouimet, seconded by Mr. Browning, moved: That the annual reports of the schools of St. Francis and St. Anne be returned to the directors of these schools, and that they should be informed that these reports, not being in conformity with the rules of the council, cannot be received. (Carried.)

Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. A. Casgrain, moved: That the grants made to the schools of agriculture be retained, and not paid over until they shall have conformed to the rules of the council. (Carried.)

The council then adjourned until the next day, Dec. 13th, at 10 A. M.

#### SESSION OF DECEMBER 13th, 1883.

Present: Messrs. Archambault, Browning, A. Casgrain,

(1) *Ne se trouve pas dans les conditions de limites, etc.* Meaning, I presume, is not sufficiently extensive, &c. Trans.

E. Casgrain, A. Casavant, Gibb, Guilbault, Lussier, Massue, Marsan, Martin, Ouimet, Rev. L. Pilote, A. Somerville, and O. Gauthier.

: A petition was read from the county of Lotbinière society No. 2, asking to be allowed to purchase a *Hambletonian* stallion on the following conditions: 1. To allow the society to make an annual payment of \$150.00 for four years to the person undertaking the purchase of this stallion, and this on terms considered the most judicious by the managing committee of the society; 2. To grant to the society exemption for four years from holding a competition for the best cultivated farms, and one or two exhibitions of farm products.

Resolved: That the council cannot grant the prayer in question, because, apart from other most important reasons, the mere fact of an expressed desire to purchase a *half-bred male*, is in itself, sufficient to cause a refusal.

A petition was read from the Missisquoi agricultural society, praying the council to grant it a sum of money for the encouragement of ploughing matches in the said county.

Resolved: That the encouragement of ploughing matches forming, by law, part of the obligations imposed upon agricultural societies, the council cannot grant this request.

A petition was read from a part of Ottawa county, praying for leave to form a third agricultural society in that county.

Before considering this petition, the secretary was instructed by the council to send copies of the petition to the existing societies, in conformity with the rules of the council.

A letter was read from the secretary of the forestry association, asking for a grant from the council to enable him to carry on his mission of restoring our forests; the letter also requested that the said association might be placed on the same footing as the agricultural societies.

Resolved: That the council regrets having no funds at its disposal with which to aid the forestry association in its useful work. But the council will find a pleasure and a duty in recommending the society to the favourable consideration of the government.

A letter was read from the secretary of the No. 1 society of the county of Huntingdon, showing the importance to all the agricultural societies of the province of obtaining seed-wheat of the kind called "Black-Sea;" and enquiring if the council would feel disposed to import a certain number of bushels for distribution throughout the province.

Resolved: That appreciating at its just value the importance to the farmers of this province of obtaining a change of seed-wheat, the council recommends that a request be made to the government for a loan sufficient to meet the expenses of importing 10,000 bushels of Black-Sea wheat in time for sowing next spring; that the wheat thus imported should be sold to the agricultural societies at cost price, unless, indeed, the government should prefer to import the wheat on its own account, and, by way of reimbursement, retain the amount expended from the annual grants made to the agricultural societies.

A letter was read from the secretary of the agricultural society No. 1 of the county of Huntingdon, complaining of the amendment made at the last session of the provincial legislature to the act of agriculture, as to the distribution of the government grant in counties where two agricultural societies exist.

Mr. Browning, seconded by the Hon. L. Archambault, moved: That the council of agriculture, desires to express its sincere regret that the government, during the last session of the provincial legislature, allowed to pass a change so important as that contained in the act Vict. 46, chap. 12, without having previously consulted the opinion of the council of agriculture, whose duty, as declared in the act Vict. 32, chap. 15, sect. 17, is "to give advice as to all