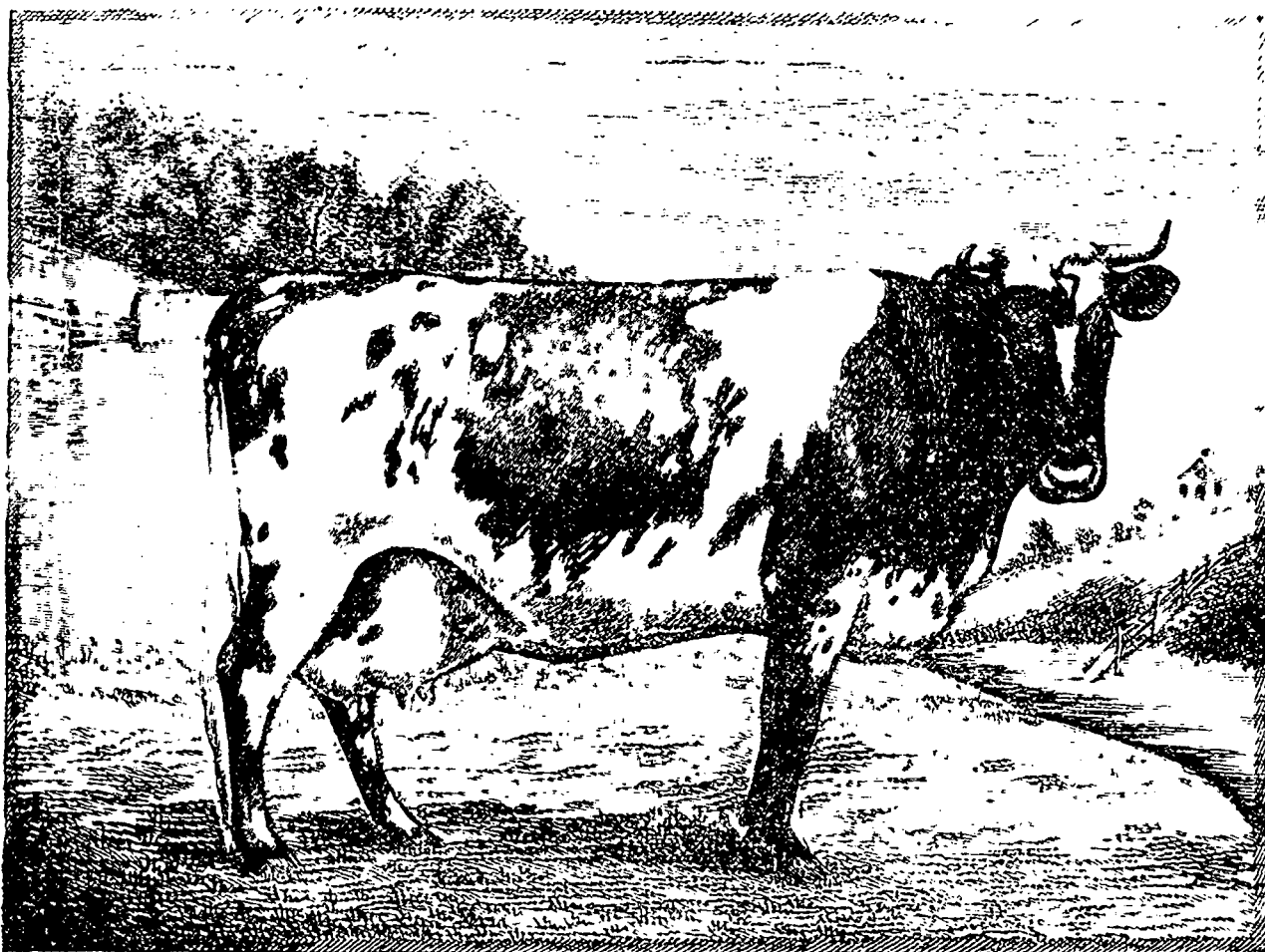


reaped considerable benefit from the farm. It was true that he had spent a good deal of money on it, for it was utterly worn out when he took it in hand, but the farm had paid its debt to him, and if his expenditure had been great at starting, that was because he wished to do in one year, what an ordinary farmer would hardly do in ten or fifteen. This he had done, because in his position as Director of Agriculture, he would have been unmercifully chuffed (1), if he had shown his visitors over a badly cultivated, untidy farm. In spite of all, every operation had been executed with the greatest economy, and the like may be done by any farmer. Without divulging the means to the committee, he has succeeded in finding a way

to keep it on an excellent footing, so as to offer to the government every possible guarantee for its success.

M. Bernatchez remarked that the explanation of Mr. Barnard threw much light on the matter; he thought that, before taking any action, the committee should hear all the members of the deputation on the subject, in order to be thoroughly acquainted with the proposed plan before pronouncing on its merits. M. Larue, of the Legislative Council, being invited to speak, said, that, although he was by profession a medical man, he had always taken a great interest in agricultural questions. He had been for several years president of the agricultural association of his country. In his opinion, these



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of surrendering the property, absolutely, to two religious communities, one of men, the other of women, who are especially devoted to agriculture, and who will establish practical schools for girls and for boys, separately, where the pupils, or rather the apprentices, will receive wages in return for their labour. The plan has been under the consideration for the Bishop of Three-Rivers for more than twenty years, and will shortly be in operation, if the committee will commend it to the legislature, and try to persuade that body to accept it. A grant of \$6,000 00, a year, for a certain number of years, will suffice to meet all the expenses of the farm, including the buildings, and

(1) Excuse the slang. There is no other word in the language half as forcible.
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societies, during the forty years of their existence, had not done the good that might have been expected from them. Let us try a new system, such as is now offered us, to secure the better working of agricultural improvement. He had seen the clubs and the lecturers at their work, and knew how much good they were doing. He had been present at the meeting of the clubs at Three-Rivers, where he saw an immense number of farmers greedy for instruction, and discussing during whole nights questions concerning agriculture. He had visited the experimental farm, and there saw a system of culture, perfect and within the reach of every one. The want of such a farm is evident. In agriculture, as in medicine and in every thing else, difficulties are daily arising, discoveries are being made, which must be examined, and whose value must be discussed.