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### Translation.

*Copy of the Committee's Report of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated the 26th of August, 1880, and approved the same day by the Lieutenant Governor. No. 311.*

Concerning the approval of certain deliberations of the Council of Agriculture.

The Hon. the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works, in a memorandum, dated 20th August, 1880, recommends, that the deliberations of the Council of Agriculture of the 30th March, and the 5th August, 1880, be approved, except as regards that part of the deliberations of the 30th March, 1880, which tends to encourage the production of pure-bred animals, to the discouragement of Canadian cattle, pure or half-bred.

The Committee concurs in this recommendation, and submits it for the approbation of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Certified Copy.

(Signed) GUSTAVE GRENIER,  
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

*Montreal, March 30th 1880.*

Present: Messrs. Beaubien, Benoit, Blackwood, Browning, Casgrain, Gibb, Gaudet, Massue, Marsan, the Revd. F. Pilote, Somerville, Ross and the Revd. S. Tassé.

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

The report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary, and approved.

The request of the Agricultural Society of the County of Drummond as to the sale of a property, known as the "Agricultural Hall," was read.

The Council after having examined certain documents relating to this affair, decided to grant the request only so

far as that the Society of the County of Drummond should be able to effect the sale in a manner conformable to law.

A petition was read from the farmers of a part of Bonaventure County, requesting leave to form a second Agricultural Society to be known as the "Agricultural Society No. 2 of the Division A of the County of Bonaventure," comprising in its limits the townships of Maria, Carleton and Nouvelle. The request was granted.

A petition was read from Society No. 2, county of Gaspé, praying to be excused from holding competitions for the best cultivated farms.

Resolved: That the Council of Agriculture, in the case in question, does not think it advisable to depart from its rules, which it considers likely to produce salutary changes in the practice of husbandry; but, at the same time, the Council would remark that if the Society No. 2, of the county of Gaspé, is unable to find competitors qualified in all points mentioned in the programme of the Council to whom they may award prizes, still they may give these prizes to those farmers whose system of cultivation approaches the nearest to the model proposed to them.

A petition of the Agricultural Society of the county of Beauharnois was next considered, asking to be allowed to omit their annual Exhibition, and to employ their funds for the purchase of a Stallion of pure blood: also to be allowed to charge 25c. admission to non-inhabitants of the county.

The Council, understanding that it is the intention of this Society to buy a Clydesdale Stallion, and agreeing with the Executive Committee, grants the request, on condition that the Stallion in question shall be of the value of at least \$1000; and the Council also permits the Society to charge 25c. admission to non-inhabitants of the county.

A petition was read, from the Agricultural Society of the county of Berthier, asking leave to employ part of their funds for the purchase of thorough-bred stock, and a stallion for the use of the Society.

The first of these requests was granted at the recommendation of the Executive Committee, but, as to the purchase of a Stallion, a proviso was made, that it must be a Clydesdale, Norman, Percheron, or of some other pure breed.

The Agricultural Society No. 1, of the county of Chicoutimi, prayed to be exempted from holding their Exhibition this year, and to be allowed to appropriate their funds for the purchase of breeding stock.

This prayer was granted by the Council, on condition that the Society should spend at least \$500 in its purchases, and that the animals bought should be thorough-bred.

A petition of the Agricultural Society No. 2 of the county of Chicoutimi was read, asking leave to buy seed, at the rate of 75c. per member; and that subscriptions should be received, at the same time, for the purchase of shovels, forks, ploughs, &c. for the use of its members. The Council grants leave to buy seed on the usual conditions, but it cannot allow the Society in question to spend its funds for the private