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that the said council of agriculture be informed that the government does not recognize the interpretation which seems to have been given to section 17 of the said act of Victoria, chapter 15, in one of the resolutions adopted in the session of 13th December, 1883. Certified.

(Signed)

JOS. A. DEFOY,
Sec. Ex. Coun.

Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, Dec. 12th, 1883.

Present: Messrs. Archambault, Browning, A. Casgrain, Casavant, E. Casgrain, Gibb, Guilbault, Massue, Marsan, Martin, Ouimet, Rev. F. L. Pilote, Lussier, and Somerville. Mr. Massue in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The president explained to the council that, in consequence of some blunder on the part of the Montreal post-office, the notices for the last meeting did not reach all the members in time, and that, in consequence, the meeting which should have taken place on the 20th of November last could not sit on account of there not being a quorum; he, therefore, thought it his duty to call a meeting of the council for to-day.

The president informed the council that he had not thought it advisable to make an annual report this year, because the council would hear read at this meeting the different reports, the late arrival of which had prevented him from making a study of them sufficient to enable him to speak of them in his address in a fit manner.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. DeBlois excusing himself, on account of illness, from attending this meeting.

The president announced the death of Mr. J. N. E. Faribault, a member of the council.

Resolved. That the council learns with deep regret the death of Mr. J. N. E. Faribault, a member of the council; that the council seizes this the first opportunity of offering its

Deliberations of The Council of Agriculture.

Copy of the report of a committee of the Hon. executive council, dated Feb. 20th, 1884, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, Feb. 23th, 1884.

On the approval of certain resolutions of the council of agriculture.

The Hon. commissioner of agriculture and public works, in a memorandum, dated Feb 20th current (1884), recommends: That the resolutions of the council of agriculture of the 12th and 13th of December last (1883) be approved, but