

next provincial exhibition, and that, on account of the considerable expenses incurred by the exhibitors in the agricultural department, the amount of the prizes offered be increased (Carried).

And the council adjourned until 2 p. m.

Session at 2 p. m.

The same members being present: the secretary read a petition from the farmers of a certain part of the county of Beauce, asking leave to form a second Agricultural Society in that county, to be known as "The Society No. 2 of the county of Beauce," and comprising within its limits the county of Aymer, Gayhurst, Ditchfield, Lambton, Forsyth, and Whitton. The petition, moreover, prayed that the new society be recognised as dating from this day. The council having heard the explanations of Mr. L. Paradis, a special delegate to that end, decided to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The council having discussed several suggestions contained in the president's address, Mr. Tassé, seconded by Mr. Browning, moved. That a committee be named to prepare certain amendments to the act of agriculture, to confer about them with the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture, and to make a report on the projected amendments, and on the disposition evinced by the ministry as to their adoption.

This motion, having been put to the vote, was lost on the following division.

For: Messrs. Browning, Gibb, Guilbault, Somerville and Tassé (5).

Against: Messrs. Casgrain, Casavant, DeBlois, Marsan, Oumet and Pilote (6).

Resolved: That the secretary receive instructions to inform the directors and officers of the agricultural societies, that the 70/10 allowed the secretaries of these societies on moneys expended, as mentioned in the 64th clause of the act of agriculture, must not be understood to extend to sums paid for the purchase of stock, on which there will be no per centage allowed.

This motion having been put to the vote, was carried on the following division.

For: Messrs. Browning, DeBlois, Gibb, Guilbault, Pilote and Tassé, (6).

Against: Messrs. Casavant and Marsan, (2).

The Assomption Agricultural Society prays to be exempted from the competition for the best cultivated farms, in order to buy breeding stock, and for the purpose of holding an agricultural exhibition.

Resolved: That the Agricultural Society of the county of Assomption be excused from the competition for the best cultivated farms, on condition of expending at least \$400.00 in the purchase of pure-bred animals, and on condition of making a report of its purchases to the council.

The Beauharnois society prays for leave to buy a stallion, and to be exempted from all other competition this year (?).

Resolved: that the prayer be granted.

The society No. 1 of the county of Compton prays to be exempted from the competition for the best cultivated farms, because the farms in this county are more suited to grazing than to the cultivation of grain.

Resolved: That the petition be granted.

The society of Three Rivers asks leave to buy a boar and a Leicester ram, and to hold an agricultural exhibition.

Resolved: That the petition be granted, on the express condition that the society also hold a competition for the best cultivated farms.

A petition was read from the present directors of the Agricultural Society of Berthier, complaining, generally, of the irregularities committed by the former directors of the

society, and, more particularly, in their expenditure of the society's money in the purchase of animals.

Resolved: That the council is of opinion that the difficulties existing between the present and the former directors of the Berthier Society of Agriculture is rather within the province of the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture than of the council.

The programme of the operations of the Agricultural Society of the county of Brome offering to give prizes for standing crops, for parish competitions, and to hold an exhibition, was approved by the council.

The Agricultural Society of Temiscouata asks leave to spend \$180 in the purchase of animals, and to hold an agricultural exhibition.

Resolved. That leave be given to the Society of Agriculture of the county of Temiscouata to spend \$180 in the purchase of animals, and to hold an agricultural exhibition, on condition that the two bulls, and seven rams, mentioned in their programme, be of pure race. The programme of the Agricultural Society of the county of Kamouraska, proposing to hold an exhibition, and a competition for the best cultivated farms, and to employ half of the amount of the members' subscriptions in buying seeds, is approved by the council.

A petition was read from certain members of the Society of Agricultural of the county of Dorchester, praying that the exhibition of the society be held at St. Isidore, rather than at St. Anselme.

Resolved. That the directorate of the said society having decided that the exhibition should be held at St. Anselme, the council cannot interfere in the matter.

The society No. 1 of the county of Pontiac asks leave to hold an exhibition of stallions, a ploughing match, and an agricultural exhibition.

Resolved. That the said society may hold an exhibition of stallions, a ploughing match, and an agricultural exhibition, provided that, in accordance with the regulations of the council, it also holds this year a competition for the best cultivated farms.

The Society of Agriculture of the county of St. Maurice prays to be exempted from the competition for the best cultivated farms, and to be allowed to expend their funds in the purchase of breeding stock.

The council grants the prayer of the said society.

The agricultural society of the county of Rouville asks leave to grant 90 cents worth of seed to the subscribers, instead of only to the value of half of their subscriptions (?).

Resolved. That the county of Rouville society must conform to the regulations of the council, which prescribes to the societies the distribution of only the half of the subscriptions to the members in seed, the other half to be reserved for the purchase of thoroughbred breeding stock.

The society No. 2 of Charlevoix, asks leave to buy stock, and to distribute seed to the amount of \$3 00.

Resolved. That the society No. 2 of the county of Charlevoix be obliged to conform to the regulations of the council for the purchase and distribution of seed, that is, to employ not more than half the subscriptions of its members in this way, it may buy animals of improved breeds, provided that it spend at least \$3.00 in the purchase of thoroughbred stock, and reports its purchases to the council. Should it fail to comply with these conditions, it will be compelled to hold a competition for the best managed farms.

The society No. 1 of the county of Ottawa begs permission to hold an exhibition of stock, and of domestic manufactures.

Resolved: That the council grants this permission to the society No. 1 of the county of Ottawa, on condition that it also hold, this year, a competition for the best managed farms, in accordance with the council's rules,