

and as the farming community, in general, has comparatively little time for study, we shall constantly do our best to be short, clear and practical, our motto being: "Knowledge, in the fewest words, and the best paying practice."

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

approved by order in council, 15th November, 1883.

Montreal, June 20th 1883.

PRESENT: Mr MASSUE, Browning, Blackwood, A Casgrain, E Casgrain, DeBlais, Gauthier, Guilbault, Lemye, Martin, Marsan, Pilote, Somerville.

MR MASSUE in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report was read, from Messrs. Gauthier and Casgrain, informing the council, that, in the districts they have visited, both bulls and cows exist, bearing all the indications necessary to justify the reporters in believing that there is still in existence a race of Canadian cattle; and the more so, since the inhabitants of the districts in question declare that they have no knowledge of any cross having ever taken place.

The report was received and approved.

The committee, appointed at the last meeting to organise a provincial ploughing match, reported: that, in consequence of the information it has received as to the want of disposable funds for this purpose, it finds it absolutely impossible to arrange this meeting.

A report was read from the committee which visited the Veterinary College of Montreal.

Resolved: that the report of the committee which visited the Montreal Veterinary College be received and approved, and that the thanks of the council be offered to the president of the committee for the excellent report presented.

A report was read from the president of the committee on the fruit-growers associations concerning an interesting publication by Mr Charles Gibb on the fruit-trees of Russia, and on the possibility of introducing into Canada the cultivation of several of the species.

Resolved: that the report be accepted and approved, with the thanks of the council to the president.

Mr Browning, seconded by M. A. Casgrain, moved: that the council of agriculture, penetrated with admiration of the patriotic devotion of Mr Chas Gibb, who, at his own cost, undertook a voyage to Russia, with the sole view of discovering, by an investigation on the spot, if it were possible to introduce into this country the cultivation of the fruit-trees of Russia, seizes the occasion of this, the first meeting of the council since Mr Gibb's return from Russia, to express publicly to that gentleman its most sincere thanks for the eminent service which he has rendered to his country by the learned essays published in his excellent "Report on the fruit-trees of Russia," which he has kindly sent to each of the members of this council; and that the secretary receive instructions to forward a copy of the present resolution to Mr Charles Gibb. (Carried.)

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture and Public works, informing the council that, for the future, the Journal of Agriculture will no longer be distributed gratuitously to the members of the agricultural associations, but only to those who subscribe for it at the rate of thirty cents a year.

A letter was read from M. S. LeSage, assistant commissioner of agriculture, transmitting to the council a report presented by the "Committee on Agriculture, Immigration, and Colonisation," to the Legislative Assembly, at its session of March 23rd, 1883. The report recommends the council of agriculture to take measures to oblige every agricultural association to obtain at least one of the butter-making apparatus invented by Mr Lynch, and to make sufficient trial of them to enable their merits to be determined.

Mr W. H. Lynch, the bearer of the letter, asked leave to appear before the council, for the purpose of explaining the merit and the method of working the apparatus for butter-making of which he is the inventor.

The council decided that the explanations of Mr Lynch should be heard at the afternoon session. The council then adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

PRESENT: Messrs Beaubien, Blackwood, Browning, A. Casgrain, E. Casgrain, Cochrane, DeBlais, Gauthier, Guilbault, Lemye, Martin, Marsan, Massue, Ouimet, Pilote, Somerville.

Mr Beaubien stated that, in the name of the council of agriculture, he had engaged to furnish a sum of one hundred dollars, for the planting of forest trees on the Exhibition property, at Mile-End.

Mr Blackwood, seconded by the honourable Mr Ouimet, moved: that the council ratifies the promise made by M. L. Beaubien, one of its members, to give the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Exhibition Committee, for the purpose of planting a certain number of forest trees on the land of the said Exhibition, on the arbor-day of this city.

Mr W. H. Lynch was introduced, and gave, in detail, explanations of his dairy-apparatus, showing its advantages as regards the manufacture of butter of superior quality.

M. Marsan, seconded by M. Martin, M. D., moved: that the council, having considered the report of the committee of the legislative assembly on agriculture, is compelled to declare that it cannot force the agricultural associations to buy the butter-apparatus invented by Mr Lynch, or any other; but it authorises the said associations to appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the purchase of butter-making apparatuses, or for employing the best improved machines for that purpose. (Carried.)

A letter was read from M. Adolphe Lomer, addressed to the president of the council, stating that he intended to try once more to establish a manufactory of superphosphate of lime in this province, which manure he would be able to sell at \$20.00 a ton. Mr Lomer's letter concluded by enquiring what encouragement the council would give to this new manufacture.

Resolved: that the council of agriculture, while it recognises the importance of a manufactory of superphosphate of lime in this province, regrets to be unable to offer any direct encouragement to Mr Lomer; but the council will with pleasure address a request to both the federal and local governments, recommending that all possible encouragement should be given to the establishment of a manufactory of this kind in the country. (Carried.)

Mr Browning, seconded by Mr Gauthier, moved: that the council of Agriculture, believing that the report of Mr Chas. Gibb is of public utility, recommends that it be translated into French, and distributed by the council to the different agricultural associations. That a sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be employed to pay for two thousand impressions of Mr Gibb's reports: that is to say, one thousand copies of the report on Russian fruit-trees, and one thousand of the report on Russian shrubs. (Carried.)

During the session, Mr Beaubien convoked a meeting of the committee on Fruit-growers' associations, and submitted a letter from the president of the Horticultural Society of l'Islet, asking for a grant to that society of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), instead of fifty dollars (\$50.00), the latter sum being considered insufficient in the present circumstances.

Resolved: that in the opinion of the committee, the Horticultural Societies of the county of l'Islet, and of Abbotsford, should each receive a sum of \$100.00 a year.

And the committee adjourned.

This report having been submitted to the council of agriculture was received and approved.

Mr Marsan, seconded by M. E. Casgrain, moved:

That the Horticultural Societies of the county of l'Islet and of Abbotsford, shall each receive for the future an annual grant of one hundred dollars.

A petition was read from the farmers of a certain district of the county of Berthier, asking leave to form a second agricultural association in that county.

The honourable Mr Ouimet, seconded by Mr Guilbault, moved: That the petition of the farmers of a certain district of the county of Berthier, asking leave to form a second agricultural association in that county, be not granted. (Carried.)

The Council then adjourned.

(Signed)

GEORGES LECLÈRE,  
Secretary.

From the French.