

"Great merit."

"Great merit" is granted to the person who has obtained 75 per cent of the same points, and

"Merit."

"Merit" to the person who has obtained 65 per cent.

Granting of diplomas, &c., how regulated.

"**1615i.** The granting of the diplomas and medals, as well as their description, is regulated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Certain laureates not to compete again. Special diploma may however be granted under certain conditions.

"**1615j.** The laureates of distinguished merit are excluded from further competing.

However, the person who has most distinguished himself during five years in maintaining perfection in farming, to which he owes the honorary distinction borne by him, may, upon the report of the judges to that effect and upon the recommendation of the Council of Agriculture approved by the Commissioner, receive a gold medal similar to his silver medal, with an additional diploma setting forth the facts, and the words "Exceptionally distinguished merit."

Persons may compete until they receive certain distinction.

"**1615k.** Those having received the distinction of "great merit" and "merit" may always compete so long as they are not laureates of "distinguished merit."

Only one diploma for same degree of merit.

"**1615l.** A person who has already received a diploma cannot receive a second diploma for the same degree of merit."

Coming into force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may be pleased to fix by proclamation.

C A P . X X I .

An Act to amend article 1651 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, respecting directors of agricultural societies.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 1651 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec occasion serious inconvenience and it is expedient to remedy the same; therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

S. R. Q., art. 1651 amended.

1. Article 1651 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec is amended by adding the word "resident" before the word "director" in the first line thereof.

2. The said article 1651 is further amended by adding after the third paragraph thereof the following words : Id. further amended.

" But the provisions of paragraphs two and three of this article do not apply to the counties and territories comprised within the jurisdiction of those Agricultural Societies, the boards of directors whereof have passed a resolution declaring that in future such counties and territories shall not be under the operation of the said two paragraphs, and so long as such resolution shall remain in force and be not repealed." Certain provisions not to apply to certain counties and territories.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

C A P. X X I I.

An Act to provide for the formation of Farmers and Dairymen's Associations.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The following section is added after section thirteenth of chapter seventh of title fourth of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec : Sec. added after R. S. Q., title 4, chap. 7, sec. 13.

SECTION XIV.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

" **1755a.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the formation, in each judicial district of the Province, of an association, having for its object the promotion of agriculture, the improvement in the manufacture of butter and cheese, the inspection of butter and cheese factories, and all other things in connection therewith, to be called the " Farmers and Dairymen's Association of the District of " District associations may be formed. Name.

" **1755b.** The association shall be composed of at least twenty-five persons, who shall sign a declaration in the form of the schedule annexed to this section. Composition of association and declaration to be signed.

Every member of the association shall subscribe and pay, annually, a sum of at least one dollar to the funds of the association. Annual subscription of members.