

the annual meeting during the Provincial Exhibition; and the mode proposed in Mr. Cowan's Bill, were all severally submitted. At the request of a delegate, the clause as in Mr. Cowan's Bill was read, and upon being put to the vote was carried by 33 to 22. By this plan the Province would be divided into twelve agricultural districts, to be designated by numbers, and each comprising the counties designated in the schedule. The Agricultural Societies in the several districts, at their annual meetings each to elect one person to the Board, by majorities; and that the Secretary of each Society within eight days, forward to the Minister of Agriculture, the name of the person chosen; and that in case of an equality of votes for one or more delegates, that the Minister should have a casting vote.

All the remaining clauses relating to the Board were passed without amendment, except that a clause providing for the establishment and maintenance of a Veterinary School in connection with the Board was ordered to be introduced.

Clauses 19 to 33, relating to the Board of Arts and Manufactures, were referred to a Committee of all the representatives present from Mechanics' Institutes, with Dr. Beatty, President of the Board, as Chairman. The Committee subsequently reported all the clauses as previously prepared by the Board, and introduced in Mr. Cowan's Bill. The Report of the Committee was adopted.

Clause 35 was amended by providing that the Council only of the Board of Arts, and the Presidents of all incorporated Mechanics' Institutes, be, in addition to others named therein, Directors of the Agricultural Association.

Clauses 37 and 38 were amended by causing them respectively to read, "the Council of the Association," instead of "the Board of Agriculture, so constituted as such Council."

A new clause was also ordered to be introduced, providing that at the annual meeting of the Directors, two persons should be elected for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Association; and that it should be the duty of these auditors to transmit a copy of their proceedings to the county societies, prior to their annual meetings.

Clauses 39 to 44, relating to incorporation of Horticultural Societies, were adopted without amendment.

Clauses 45, 6 and 7, relating to Electoral Division Societies, were also adopted.

Clause 48 was amended by substituting "between the 14th and 21st" for "the third week in January," for holding the annual meetings of county societies; the clause was also amended by adding thereto, that, "in the event of the secretary or treasurer

dying or resigning office during the term for which he has been elected, it shall be the duty of the Directors, and they are hereby empowered, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper person to fill the office for the unexpired term of the person so dying or resigning as aforesaid.

The 49th clause was considered, and struck out altogether.

Clause 51 was amended by striking out the words "the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount of such premiums respectively, and the names of the animal, article or thing, in respect of which the sum was granted."

Clause 54, relating to Township Societies, was amended by providing "that township Societies get one-half of the government county grant. Subscribers to be not less than 75; and that no Township Show be held in a township in which the County Show is held, and that the funds of such Township Society for that year be given for the benefit of the County Society.

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Clause 55 was also amended by providing that two auditors be elected at the Annual Meeting of each Township Society, in addition to other office-bearers. A new clause was also carried, by a majority of one, "that in cases where part of a township is in one electoral division and part in another, a Township Association may be formed in each part, and that each of said societies report to the County Society of the electoral division in which it is situated."

Clause 57, and to sub-section 3 of clause 58, were approved of. Sub-section 4 of the latter clause, providing for exceptional grants to some 13 counties, was expunged.

Clause 59, relating to electoral cities and towns was amended by providing that the City of Toronto, although by the Confederation Act embracing two electoral divisions, be considered as one division for the purposes of this Act, but that it shall receive \$600 from the Legislative grant, provided it locally contributes \$400, or in like proportion for whatever sum its members may contribute below the full amount of \$400. The sub-section to this clause was ordered to be so worded as not to conflict with the foregoing.

Clause 60 was amended so as to read "that the Branch Societies be entitled to a share of the grant to the County Society in proportion to the amount subscribed and paid; and also providing that a certified list of the Township Society's members, and the amount paid by each, be forwarded to the treasurer of the County Society, &c."