

IX. Out of the whole amount voted for the encouragement of Agriculture in Upper Canada, two and a half per cent thereof may be appropriated and devoted to the promotion of Agricultural instruction and information by the Board of Agriculture in that Section of the Province.

2. The Board of Agriculture may in its Reports to the Government indicate in what manner this sum should be employed;

3. Of the amount granted for the encouragement of Agriculture, ten per cent. in Upper Canada shall be placed at the disposal and in the hands of the Board of Agriculture for the purpose indicated by law.

BOARDS OF AGRICULTURE.

Members and Officers.

X. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents for the time being, of the Agricultural Associations hereinafter mentioned, and all Professors of Agriculture in Chartered Colleges, Universities, and other Public Educational Institutions, and the Chief Superintendents of Education in Upper and Lower Canada, shall respectively be members *ex officio* of the Board of Agriculture of that section of the Province in which they reside.

XI. Six members of each Board shall retire annually, and cease to be members thereof, unless re-elected, each seat being vacated every alternate year; but retiring members may continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected, as hereinafter provided; and the names of the retiring members shall be published in the Agricultural Journals of the section of the Province in which they reside, or in such other public newspapers as the Minister of Agriculture may direct.

XII. The several County Societies in Upper Canada, shall, at their Annual Meeting, as hereinafter provided, each name two persons to act as delegates, who shall, at the meeting of the Provincial Association, at its Annual Exhibition, each a voice in the election of members of the Board of Agriculture, and the election of members shall take place on the evening of Friday, in the first week of the exhibition.

XIII. The first election shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Agricultural Association in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and the six persons so elected shall replace the four members then next retiring from the said Board respectively; the next election shall take place at the Annual Meeting in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, to replace the remaining four members, the term of service will then next expire.

XIV. Neither of the said Boards shall pay or receive any sum to a member thereof, for acting as such member, except the amount of his actual necessary expenses in attending the regular meetings of the Board; but each of the said Boards may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer

from among its members or otherwise, and may pay a reasonable salary for such services. The Treasurer shall give such sureties as the Board may require.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD.

XV. T. regular meetings of the said Boards shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called by the Secretary at the instance of the President or Vice-President, or upon the written request of any three members; and at least five days' notice of such meeting shall be given to each member:

2. The members of each of the Boards of Agriculture shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President at their first meeting after each annual election;

3. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Board may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*;

4. Five members of the Board shall be a *quorum*.

XVI. It shall be the duty of the said Boards respectively:

1. To receive the Reports of Agricultural Societies, and before granting the certificates hereinafter mentioned, to see that they have complied with the law;

2. To take measures, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, to procure and set in operation a model, illustrative or experimental farm or farms in their respective sections of the province, and in connexion with any public school, college or university, or otherwise, and to manage and conduct the same;

3. To collect and establish, at Toronto and Montreal respectively, an Agricultural Museum and an Agricultural and Horticultural Library;

4. To take measures to obtain from other countries animals of new and improved breeds, new varieties of grain, seeds, vegetables, or other agricultural productions, new or improved implements of husbandry or new machines which may appear adapted to facilitate agricultural operations, and to test the quality and usefulness of such animals, grain, seeds, vegetables or other productions, implements or machines;

5. The Boards of Agriculture may pass by-laws and adopt measures to allow persons desirous of practising as veterinary surgeons to undergo an examination; and upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that they possess the requisite qualifications, may grant certificates of capacity to practise as veterinary surgeons to such persons.

XVII. The said Boards shall keep a record of their respective transactions, and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner and form as to secure the widest circulation among the Agricultural Societies and farmers generally, all such Reports, Essays, Lectures, and other useful information as the said Boards respectively may procure and adjudge suitable for publication: