

each year; and shall, at such meeting, elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and five Directors.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Presidents of the several Township Agricultural Societies shall be *ex officio* Directors of the County Society; and the said Officers and Directors shall and may, for the year next following the Annual Meeting, exercise all the powers vested in the County Society by this Act.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the Meetings of the Officers and Directors shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or called by written notice to each, at least one week before the day appointed; and, at any such meeting, five shall be a quorum.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Officers and Directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, cause to be prepared, and shall present, at the Annual Meeting, a report of their proceedings during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all the members of the Society, and the amount paid by each set opposite his name, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount of such premiums respectively, and the name of the animal, article, or thing in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks upon the agriculture of the county, the improvements which have been or may be made therein, as the Directors shall be enabled to offer. There shall also be presented to the said Annual Meeting, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year; which report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Society's journal to be kept for such purposes, and signed by the President, or a Vice-President, as being a correct entry; and a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Secretary for the time being, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, on or before the first day of June following.

XX. And be it enacted, That the County Society shall receive the reports of the Township or Branch Societies, and shall transmit them, along with its own report, to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, with such remarks thereon as may enable the said Board to obtain a correct knowledge of the progress of agricultural improvement in the said county.

XXI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Officers and Directors to answer such queries, and give such information, as the Board of Agriculture may, from time to time, by circular letter, or otherwise, require, touching the interests or condition of agriculture in their county; and generally to act, as far as practicable, upon the recommendations of the said Board.

TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES.

XXII. And be it enacted, That a Township or Branch Agricultural Society may be organized in each township of any county, or in any two townships united, whenever twenty-five persons shall become members, by signing a declaration in the form of the Schedule A, to this Act annexed, and subscribing, each, not less than Five-Shillings annually to the funds thereof.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said society shall hold its Annual Meeting in the month of January in each year, and shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and three or more Directors.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That the said Officers and Directors shall prepare, and present to the Annual Meeting of the Society, a report of their proceedings during the year, in the same manner as is herein-before directed for County Societies, and containing the same particulars; and shall transmit a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Vice-President, to the Secre-

tary of the County Society, in time for the Annual Meeting thereof in the month of February.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

XXV. And be it enacted, That when a County Society and Township Societies are organized in any county, it shall be lawful for the Directors of the County Society, if they think proper, to appoint the Exhibition of the County Society to be held in any township of the said county; and the Society of the said township, (or, if two townships be united to form a society, the society of the said two townships) shall not hold a show for that year, but the same shall merge in the exhibition of the County Society, and the funds of the Township or Branch Society, for that year's exhibition, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the County Society; provided that the said Township or Branch Society shall not forfeit any right to a share of the public grant for not making a full report for such year.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That when the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Agriculture shall certify to the Governor of this Province, that any County Society has sent to the said Board reports and statements as required by this Act, for the year then last previous, and shall also certify that the Treasurer, or other officer of the said Society, has transmitted to the said Board an affidavit (which may be in the form of the Schedule B, to this Act attached, and may be sworn to before any Justice of the Peace, who is hereby authorized to take the same,) stating the amount subscribed for that year, and paid to the Treasurer of the County Society by the members thereof, and by the several Township Societies of the said county, it shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his warrant in favor of such County Society, for a sum to be taken out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, equal to three times the amount appearing by the said affidavit to be then in the hands of the Treasurer; provided that no grant shall be made unless £25 be first subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer; and provided that the whole amount granted to any County Society shall not exceed £250 a year.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That every Township or Branch Society, organized according to this act, and sending a report of its proceedings to the County Society, as hereinbefore required, shall be entitled to a share of the grant to the County Society, in proportion to the amount which shall have been subscribed by the members of such Township or Branch Society, and deposited with the Treasurer of the County Society, on or before the first day of July in each year; and the sum so deposited by any Township or Branch Society, shall be repaid, along with its share of the public grant, so soon as the said grant shall have been received by the County Society; Provided always, that not more than three-fifths of the sum granted to any County Society, shall be subject to division among Township or Branch Societies.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer, or other officer of any County, Township, or Branch Society, who shall certify that a subscription, or any sum of money, has been paid to him, for the Society, when it has not been so paid, or who shall pay back any such subscription, shall forfeit and pay to Her Majesty, the sum of £10 for every such offence, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That whenever a warrant shall be issued by the Governor of the Province, in favor of any County Society, as hereinbefore provided, it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor to issue his warrant in like manner, in favor of the Treasurer of