

and had with the Council of the Association in its corporate capacity; and no other contracts, agreement, actions or proceedings shall bind or affect the Association.

#### *Agricultural Districts.*

13. Ontario shall be divided into twelve Agricultural Districts, designated by numbers, as in Schedule A annexed to this Act, each comprising the counties designated in said schedule.

#### *County Societies to elect.*

14. The County Agricultural Societies in the several Districts shall, at their annual meetings provided for by sections thirty-seven of this Act, each elect one person to represent it at the Council of the Association, by a majority of the votes of the members of the Society present at such meeting; and the Secretary of each Society shall, within eight days after the election, forward to the Commissioner of Agriculture the name of the person chosen by the Society.

(1) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall, as soon as practicable after being notified by the Secretaries as aforesaid, officially announce the names of the persons who shall have received the majority of votes in the several districts.

(2) In case of an equality of votes for two or more persons, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall have a casting vote.

(3) Vacancies through death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

#### *First Election.*

15. The first election shall take place at the Annual Meetings in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine in each of the Districts designated in Schedule A, and the persons so elected shall replace the whole of the members of the present Council of the Association, who shall still continue to exercise their present functions, until after the Commissioner of Agriculture shall publish the result of said election.

#### *Four Members to retire Annually.*

16. The four members representing districts numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, shall retire, and four other persons shall be elected, at the annual meetings in January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy; the four members representing districts numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8, shall retire, and four other persons shall be elected at the annual meetings in said districts in January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one; the four members representing districts numbers 9, 10, 11 and 12, shall retire, and four other persons shall be elected at the annual meetings in said districts in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and thereafter, in the order in which such members have been elected for the respective districts; and four members of the Council shall retire annually, unless re-elected, each seat being vacated every third year; but retiring members may continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected. The retiring members of the Council shall in all cases be eligible for re-election; and the Secretary of the Association shall send a list of the names of the retiring members to the Secretary of

each County or Electoral Division Society on or before the first day of December in each year.

#### *Members to act gratuitously.*

17. The said Council shall not pay or allow any sum to any member thereof, for acting as such member, except the amount of his actual necessary expenses in attending the regular meetings of the Council; but the said Council may appoint a Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Association, and may pay him a reasonable salary for his services; and the said Council shall also pay the Auditors appointed, as provided for in section twenty-three, a reasonable remuneration for their services.

#### **Meetings and Functions of the Council and Directors.**

##### *President and Treasurer.*

18. The first Meeting of the Council of the Association, after the election of members in each and every year, shall be called by the Secretary of the Association some time during the month of February; and at such meeting the members present shall elect from among the *elected* members a President and Vice-President, and shall also elect a Treasurer of the Association from amongst themselves, or otherwise, but if not elected from amongst themselves, such Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Council of the Association; and the said Treasurer shall furnish such security as the Council may deem necessary, and he may be paid a reasonable salary for his services.

##### *Secretary, &c.*

(1) The present Secretary of the Board of Agriculture shall continue to be the Secretary of the Association, until otherwise provided by the Council thereof.

(2) And in the absence of the President or Vice-President from any meeting, the Council may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*.

(3) Five members of the Council shall be a quorum.

(4) The regular meetings of the said Council shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called by the Secretary at the instance of the President or in his absence by the Vice-President, or upon the written request of any three members; and at least seven days' notice of such meeting shall be given to each member.

##### *Duties of the Council.*

19. It shall be duty of the Council:

(1) To hold a Fair or Exhibition, annually, open to competitors from any part of the Dominion of Canada or from other countries, as the Directors may see fit.

(2) To take measures, with the approbation of the Commissioner of Agriculture, to procure and set in operation a model, illustrative or experimental, farm or farms in the Province, and in connection with any Public School, College or University, or otherwise, and to manage and conduct the same.

(3) To take measures to obtain from other countries animals of new or improved breeds, new varieties of grain, seeds, vegetables or other agricultural productions, new or improved implements of husbandry, or new machinery, which may appear