

Societies being the same as those of Agricultural Societies, as hereinafter mentioned, but with reference to Horticulture only.

# AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN UPPER CANADA.

## *County or Electoral Division Societies.*

**27.** An Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Electoral Divisions of Upper Canada for the purpose of Representation in the Legislative Assembly, in which there was not one embracing the limits of such Electoral Division already organized on the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, wherever fifty persons have become Members thereof by signing a Declaration in the form of the Schedule C to this Act annexed, and paying each not less than one dollar annually to the Funds of the said Society; and a true copy of the said Declaration shall, within one month after the money has been so paid, be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture.

Society may be organised in each Electoral Division &c.

**28.** The object of the said Societies, and of the Township or Branch Societies in connection therewith, shall be, to encourage improvement in Agriculture or Horticulture, or both:—

Object of such Societies.

1. By holding Meetings for discussion, and for hearing Lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved Husbandry;  
2. By promoting the circulation of the Agricultural Periodicals published in the Province;

Discussion, &c. Agricultural Periodicals

3. By importing or otherwise procuring Seeds, Plants and Animals of new and valuable kinds;

4. By offering prizes for Essays on Questions of Scientific Enquiry relating to Agriculture or Horticulture, Manufactures and Works of Art;

Prizes for Essays.

5. And by awarding Premiums for excellence in the raising or introduction of Stock, the invention or improvement of Agricultural or Horticultural Implements and Machines, the production of grain and of all kinds of vegetables, plants, flowers and fruits, and generally for excellence in any Agricultural or Horticultural Production or Operation, Article of Manufacture or work of Art;

Premiums.

6. The Funds of the Societies, derived from subscriptions of Members, or the Public Grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with those above mentioned;

Application of Funds.

7. And the Directors of every such County Society, at any meeting, called by written notice as hereinafter mentioned, and in which notice the object of the meeting has been specified, may make, alter and repeal By-laws and Rules for the regulation of such Society and the carrying out of its objects.

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**29.** The first Meeting for the formation of a County Agricultural Society in Upper Canada under this Act, shall be called by the Warden of the County or Union of Counties in the third week of January in each year, at which meeting the Election of the various Officers shall take place, and the Society so organized shall be deemed the County or Electoral Division Society, and shall be entitled to receive the Provincial Grant hereinafter provided; and all subsequent Annual Meetings after the first meeting shall be called and held as provided in the next following section of this Act.

First meeting for formation of County Society.

**30.** The said Societies shall hold their annual meetings on the fourth Thursday in the month of January, in each year, and shall, at such meeting, elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than nine Directors; but no person shall be

Annual meetings: election of officers.