

flax in the County of Elgin, First, by publishing information and instruction to those willing to engage in the culture.

Second, by procuring and distributing Seed.

Third, by procuring improved machinery for scutching, and furnishing patterns and models to parties who would become purchasers from flax growers.

Fourth, by other means which may appear desirable to the managing Committee to be now appointed.

The third resolution was moved by Wm. Parker, Esq., seconded by John Marlatt, Esq.

Resolved, That the Managing Committee be composed of Samuel Eccles, E. M. Yarwood, George Claris, Stephen Wade, George Southwick, Thomas Williams, William Lipsey, John Rae, Jas. Mitchell, Richard B. Nicol, and Charles Roe, with power to add to their numbers, and with full powers.

The fourth resolution was moved by Jacob Miller, Esq., seconded by John McCully, Esq.

Resolved, That the means for carrying out the objects of the Association, be furnished by voluntary contributions and subscriptions; and that George Claris, Esq., be the Treasurer of the Association.

A subscription was then opened, and contributions in aid of the Association made, and the Company then separated.

The Agricultural Statute.

The following draft of an Act, to be submitted to Parliament for adoption, in amendment of the Consolidated Statute, 22 Vic. Cap. 32, has been prepared by the Committee appointed by the Agricultural Convention, held in the city of Toronto on 30th January last, in accordance with the resolutions passed at that meeting. It will be observed that this draft refers to the Agricultural Societies of Upper Canada only.

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF CANADA, AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Bureau of Agriculture and all Agricultural Societies, Associations, and Boards of Agriculture lawfully organized or established shall continue to exist, except in so far as the said Bureau, or such Societies, Associations or Boards are altered or affected by this Act.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

II. The Bureau of Agriculture shall continue to be attached to one of the Public Depart-

ments, and the head of that Department shall be charged with the direction of the said Bureau and shall in respect thereof be known as the Minister of Agriculture.

III. The said Minister shall be *ex-officio* Member of all the Boards of Agriculture at any time established in this Province.

IV. The said Minister shall also receive all applications, drawings, descriptions, specifications and models for or relating to Patents for Inventions in this Province, and shall keep the records thereof.

V. The said Minister shall also be President of the Board of Registration and Statistics, shall, under the general direction of the said Board, have charge of the Census and of Statistical Returns.

VI. It shall be part of the duty of the said Minister to institute inquiries and collect useful facts and statistics relating to the Agricultural, Mechanical and Manufacturing interests of the Province and to adopt measures for disseminating or publishing the same in such manner and form as he finds best adapted to promote improvement within the Province, and to encourage immigration from other countries; and he shall submit to Parliament, within ten days after the opening of each Session thereof, a detailed and summary Report of his proceedings.

VII. All Boards of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations, Agricultural Societies, Horticultural Societies, Municipal Councils, Boards of Arts and Manufactures, Mechanics' Institutes, Public Institutions, and Public Officers in this Province shall promptly answer official communications from the said Bureau of Agriculture and shall make diligent efforts to supply information on all questions submitted to them respectively;—And any officer of any Board, Society, Council, Institute, or other Public Institution, refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any question, or to furnish any information relating to the Agricultural, Mechanical, Manufacturing interests, or to the Statistics of this Province, whenever required so to do, either by the said Minister, or by any person duly authorised by him in that behalf, shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty of five dollars, which shall be recoverable by action brought for the same before any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall be paid to the said Minister.

VIII. The Minister of Agriculture shall, at any time, and from time to time, appoint any person or persons to inspect the books, accounts of any Society in the Province receiving Government aid, and being in any way connected with the Bureau of Agriculture, and all officers of every such Society, who are required so to do, shall submit such books, accounts to such inspection, and shall, to the best of their knowledge, answer all questions put to them in relation thereto or to the funds of the Society.