

culture, and the four persons who shall have been nominated by the greatest number of Societies shall be Members of the said Boards respectively; in the place of the Members vacating their seats as aforesaid. Vacancies which may at any time happen through death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled up by the Governor in Council.

XIII. In case of an equality of votes for one or more of the persons so nominated, the Minister of Agriculture shall decide which shall be the Member, and he shall cause the persons so nominated, and the Boards to which they are nominated respectively, to be immediately notified of the result.

XIV. It shall not be lawful for either of the said Boards to pay or allow 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 from among themselves or otherwise, and may pay him a reasonable salary for his services.

XV. The regular meetings of the said Boards shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called 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, and it shall be lawful for the Board, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, to appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*, and five Members shall be a *quorum*.

XVI. It shall be the duty of the said Boards to receive the Reports of Agricultural Societies, and before granting the certificates hereinafter mentioned, to see that they have complied with the law; 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 connection with any public school, college, or university, or otherwise, and to manage and conduct the same; to collect and establish, at Toronto and Montreal respectively, an Agricultural Museum and an Agricultural and Horticultural Library; 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 machines which may appear adapted to facilitate agricultural operations; and to test the quality, value and usefulness of such animals, grain, seeds, vegetables or other productions, implements or machines, and generally to adopt every means in their power to promote improvement in the agriculture of this Province; and 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; and if the said Boards, or either of them shall publish a monthly Journal, or adopt as their channel of communication

with Agricultural Societies the Agricultural Journals now published in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, it shall be the duty of all Agricultural Societies receiving a share of the Public Grant to give at least one month's notice of the time and place of holding their Exhibitions in the Journals so published or adopted by the said Boards respectively.

XVII. The said Boards shall transmit to the Bureau of Agriculture a copy of all their resolutions, by-laws or other formal proceedings, immediately after the adoption thereof; and every resolution, by-law, or other proceeding of the said Boards respectively, which may involve an expenditure of money to an amount exceeding ten pounds, shall not be passed except with the assent of [a majority of the members thereof.]

XVIII. Each of the said Boards shall be and become a Body Corporate, and shall have power to acquire and hold land and personal property, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same.

#### AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS.

XIX. Whereas an Agricultural Association has existed for some time past in Upper Canada, and by means of annual exhibitions of the productions of that section of the Province, has effected much good, and whereas it is expedient to organize a similar Association in Lower Canada, and to make provision for the future support and management of the said Associations: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

The Members of the Boards of Agriculture, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all lawfully organised County Agricultural Societies, and all subscribers of Five Shillings annually, shall in their respective sections of the Province, be and constitute an Agricultural Association for that section.

XX. The Members of the Board of Agriculture and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of County Societies, (or any two Members whom a County Society may have appointed Directors instead of its President and Vice-President) shall be the Directors of such Agricultural Association, [and it shall be lawful for the Agricultural Association to elect a Treasurer.]

XXI. The said Associations shall each hold an Annual Fair or Exhibition, which shall be open to competitors from any part of the Province, and the said Directors shall hold an annual meeting during the week of the annual Exhibition, and may at such meeting elect a President and Vice-Presidents, and appoint a place for holding the next meeting and Exhibition of the Association, and may make rules and regulations for the management of such Exhibition, and may appoint a Local Committee at the place where such Exhibition is appointed to be held, and prescribe the powers and duties of the said Committee.

XXII. The Board of Agriculture shall be the Council of the Association, with full power to act for and on behalf of the Association between the annual meetings thereof, and all grants of money, subscriptions, or other funds, made or appropriated to or for the use of the Association, (except money collected by or granted to any