

V. *And be it enacted*, That any person elected to be a member of the said Board, shall be liable to serve during his term, unless he shall signify his refusal to act, by written notice, to the person who shall have notified him of his election, within ten days after receiving such notice of election; and in case of any such refusal to act, the person next highest on the Board list shall fill the vacancy caused thereby: provided that if, at the first, or any future election, so many refuse to act that a full Board cannot be had from the persons nominated by the County Societies, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to fill up the Board.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the retiring Officers and Directors of the County Societies, at the next Annual Meeting but one of the said Societies, after the election of the first Board, and at each Annual Meeting thereafter, shall elect two persons, in the same manner as is herein-before provided for the election of the first members, and shall transmit a list of their names, properly certified, to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture; and the two persons who shall have received the greatest number of county votes (or, in case of an equality of votes for more than two persons, the two whose surnames begin with letters standing highest in the alphabet), shall be members of the said Board, and their names be placed at the top of the Board list; and the two members of the Board standing lowest on the Board list shall thereupon retire, unless re-elected.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That if any member of the Board, elected as aforesaid, and who shall not, within ten days after notice of his election, have refused to act, as herein-before mentioned, shall neglect to attend the regular meetings of the Board twice in succession, without reasonable excuse, of which the Board shall judge, he shall, for every such neglect, forfeit and pay to the funds of the Board, the sum of Five Pounds currency.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the said Board, at any meeting from which the Chairman shall be absent, to appoint one of their number Chairman *pro tempore*; and the said Board may also appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Board, and he shall be, *ex officio*, Secretary of the Provincial Agricultural Association, and shall have an office in the public buildings at Toronto; or, if the Board shall think some other office more convenient, the same shall be provided at the public expense; and the said Secretary shall have charge of the books and papers of the Board, and shall perform such duties as the Board may direct, and shall receive for his services a sum not exceeding per annum.

IX. *And be it enacted*, That the regular meetings of the Board shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called by the Secretary, upon the advice of the Chairman, or upon the written request of any three members of the Board—in which latter case, the special object of the meeting shall be stated by the members requesting a meeting; and in all cases, besides a written notice to each member of the Board, a notice of each meeting shall be published in some public newspaper in Toronto, at least ten days before the day of such meeting; and the Chairman and members elected as aforesaid shall be entitled to be repaid, out of any funds at the disposal of the Board, their necessary expenses actually incurred in coming to, attending at, and returning from the regular meetings of the said Board; provided that the amount paid to any member, on account of such expenses, shall not exceed the sum of in any one year.

X. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the Board elected as aforesaid, and the Presidents of the several County Societies, shall be the Directors of the Provincial

Agricultural Association; and the said Board shall be the Council of the Association, and may have and exercise all the powers of the Directors thereof in the interval between the Annual Meetings of the said Directors.

XI. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said Board to examine into, and collect information upon, such questions as concern the Agricultural interests of the Province, and to take such means as they may think best to promote those interests: and they shall prepare, yearly, a report of their transactions, together with such extracts from the reports of the County and Township Agricultural Societies, and such of the proceedings of the Provincial Agricultural Association, as the Board may deem interesting and useful to the public; and the said report, with the suggestions and recommendations of the Board, shall at the session then next ensuing, be laid before Parliament, and published in such manner as the Legislature may direct.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said Board to prepare, as soon as practicable, and present to the Legislature, a plan for establishing an experimental or illustrative farm, in connection with the Chair of Agriculture, in the University of Toronto, or in connection with the Normal School, or otherwise, as they may deem best; and to make any recommendations they may think expedient for extending agricultural education throughout the Province.

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province, upon the application of the Chairman of the said Board, to issue his warrant in favour of the said Board, for the payment, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General, of such sum or sums as may, from time to time, by resolution of the said Board, be declared necessary for effecting the lawful objects thereof: provided that the sums so authorized to be paid as aforesaid shall not, in the whole, exceed the sum of per annum: and provided, also, that a detailed account of the expenditure of any sum so granted shall be stated in the Annual Report of the said Board.

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

XIV. *And be it enacted*, That a County Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the counties of Upper Canada, whenever fifty persons shall become members thereof, 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 of the said Society.

XV. *And be it enacted*, That the object of the said Societies, and of the Township or Branch Societies in connection therewith, shall be to encourage improvement in Agriculture, by holding meetings for discussion, and for hearing lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of Improved Husbandry; by promoting the circulation of the agricultural periodicals, published in the Province; by importing seeds, plants and animals of new and valuable kinds; by offering prizes for essays on questions of scientific inquiry relating to Agriculture; and by awarding premiums for excellence in the raising or introduction of stock, the invention or improvement of agricultural implements and machines, the production of grain and all kinds of vegetables, and generally for excellence in any agricultural production or operation. And it shall not be lawful to expend the funds of the Societies, derived from subscriptions of membership, or the public grant, for any object inconsistent with those above mentioned.

XVI. *And be it enacted*, That the said Society shall hold its Annual Meeting in the month of February in