

## AN ACT

## FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

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

*Bureau &c., continued.*

1. The Bureau of Agriculture, the Agricultural Association, the Board of Agriculture as Council of the Association, and all Agricultural Societies heretofore recognised and existing in that part of the late Province of Canada called Upper Canada, shall continue, except so far as they may be altered or affected by this Act.

**Bureau of Agriculture and Arts.**

2. The Bureau of Agriculture and Arts shall be attached to the Department of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works, who shall be charged with the direction of the said Bureau, and shall in respect thereof be known as the Commissioner of Agriculture and Arts.

3. The said Commissioner of Agriculture shall be *ex officio* a member of the Council of the Agricultural Association in the Province of Ontario.

*Annual Report.*

4. It shall be part of the duty of the said Commissioner of Agriculture 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 a 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 succinct Report of his proceedings.

*Museum and Library.*

5. The said Commissioner shall, in connection with his Bureau, cause to be established a Museum illustrative of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Arts and Manufactures, and also a Library of books in the same departments of industry; and the said Museum and Library shall be free for examination or reference, during the usual office hours.

*Associations to answer questions.*

6. The Agricultural Association, all Agricultural Societies, Municipal Councils, Mechanics' Institutes and 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 correct information on all questions submitted to them respectively. And any officer of any such Association, 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 or Manufacturing interests, or the Statistics of this Province, whenever required so to do, either by the said Commissioner, or by any person duly authorized by him in that behalf, shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty of Forty Dollars, which shall be recoverable by any person suing

for the same before any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall be paid to Her Majesty.

*Accounts of Societies, &c.*

7. The Commissioner of Agriculture may at any time, and from time to time, appoint any person or persons to inspect the books and accounts of any Society in the Province receiving Government aid, and being in any way in connexion with the Bureau of Agriculture; and all officers of any such society; whenever required so to do, shall submit such books and accounts to such inspection, and truly, to the best of their knowledge, answer all questions put to them in relation thereto, or to the funds of such society.

**The Agricultural and Arts Association.***Members of Association.*

8. The Council of the Association, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all lawfully organized County Agricultural Societies, and of all Horticultural Societies, and of the Mechanics' Institutes, and all subscribers of one dollar annually, shall constitute the Agricultural Association.

*Life-Members.*

(1) The payment of ten dollars shall constitute a Life-Membership of the Association, when given for that special object, and not as a contribution to any local fund; and those persons who have heretofore been made Life-Members under By-Laws of the Association, shall continue to be Life-Members of the same.

*Directors.*

9. The Council and the ex-Presidents of the Agricultural Association, and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the County Societies, Mechanics' Institutes, Arts Associations, and of all Horticultural Societies (or any two members whom a County Society, Mechanics' Institute, Arts Association or Horticultural Society, shall have appointed to act instead of its President and Vice-President) shall be the Directors of such Agricultural Association.

*Council.*

10. The Council of the Agricultural Association for Ontario shall be composed of twelve members, elected as hereinafter provided; and the Hon. the Commissioner of Agriculture, all Professors of Agriculture in chartered Colleges and Universities, the chief Superintendent of Education, the President of the Fruit-Growers' Association and the President of the Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario, or in the absence of the Presidents, then the Vice-Presidents, shall respectively be members *ex officio* of such Council of the Association.

*Powers of the Council.*

11. The Council of the Association, so composed, shall have 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 Local Committee for the local expenses of an Exhibition) shall be received by and expended under the direction of such Council.

*Contracts with Council.*

12. All contracts and all legal proceedings, by, with, or concerning the Association, shall be made