

year a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements made up to the thirty-first of December of the previous year.

Board to continue to be body corporate. **19.** The Boards shall continue to be bodies corporate, and may acquire and hold land and real and personal property for the purposes of their incorporation, and may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same. 5

Exhibitions. **20.** The Boards shall hold Exhibitions open to competitors from any part of the Province, annually in Upper Canada, and annually or bi-ennially in Lower Canada;

How to be held. 2. The Boards of Agriculture shall hold the said Exhibitions jointly with the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, or otherwise, and they shall appoint a local committee, and prescribe its powers. 10

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

How and where to be formed. **21.** Any number of persons, not less than twenty-five may organize and form themselves into a Horticultural Society for any City, Town, Village, Township or Parish, or Union of two or more thereof together, either in Upper or Lower Canada, by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule A to this Act annexed, (but with the necessary alteration as to the name of the Society,) and subscribing a sum of not less than forty dollars annually to the funds thereof. 15

Declaration of Members. **22.** Such declaration shall be in duplicate, and one part thereof shall be written and signed on the first page or pages of a book to be kept by the Society for recording the minutes of its proceedings during the first year of its existence, and the other part thereof shall be written and signed on a sheet of paper or parchment, and shall forthwith be sent by Post to the Minister of Agriculture, who shall, as soon as may be after the receipt thereof, cause a notice of the formation of such Society to be inserted in the *Canada Gazette*. 20 25

Society to be a Corporation. **23.** Upon the insertion in the *Canada Gazette* of the notice of the formation of any such Society, it shall become a Corporation for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned, by the name applied to it in such notice, which shall be the same as that in the declaration transmitted by such Society, and may acquire and hold, lease and mortgage and alienate property, real and personal, for the purposes of such Society. 30

Power to make By-laws. **24.** Every Horticultural Society incorporated under this Act may make By-laws, not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act, for prescribing the mode of admission of new Members and election of Officers, and otherwise regulating the administration of its affairs and property. 35

Meetings of Society. **25.** Every such Society shall hold a meeting in the first week of the month of February, in each year, besides meetings at such other times as may be prescribed or provided for by its By-laws; and at such annual meeting a President, (who shall also be a Director,) a Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three nor more than nine other Directors shall be elected. 40 45

Annual Report. **26.** The said Directors shall prepare and present to the annual meeting of the Society a report of their proceedings during the year, in the same manner as herein directed for County Agricultural Societies, and containing information under the same heads, save and except those which relate to Agriculture,—the object and purpose of Horticultural 50