

Duties of Officers and Directors.

XLIV. It shall be the duty of the said Officers and Directors to answer such queries and give such information as the Board of Agriculture, or Minister of Agriculture, may from time to time, by Circular Letter, or otherwise, require, touching the interests or condition of Agriculture in their County, and generally to act as far as practicable upon the recommendations of the said Board.

#### TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES.

Township or Branch Societies.

XLV. A Township or Branch Agricultural Society may be organized in each Township in Upper Canada in which there is not one already organized at the date of the passing of this Act, or in any two or more such Townships together, whenever a sufficient number of persons, not less than twenty-five, shall become Members, by signing a declaration in the form of the Schedule A. to this Act annexed, and subscribing a sum not less than ten pounds annually to the funds thereof; and a true copy of the said Declaration certified by the President or Vice-President of such Society, shall be forthwith transmitted to the County Society.

Annual Meetings, Officers and Directors.

XLVI. The said Societies shall hold their Annual Meeting in the second week of the month of January in each year, and shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three or more than nine Directors.

Annual Report of proceedings.

XLVII. The said Officers and 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 hereinbefore directed for County Societies, and containing information under the same heads; and shall transmit a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Vice-President, to the Secretary of the County Society, in time for the Annual Meeting thereof in the month of February.

#### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Organization.

XLVIII. 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 ten pounds annually to the funds thereof.

Public notice of organization.

XLIX. 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 said 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