

When first election shall take place. **6.** The first election shall take place at the annual meeting in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in each of the Electoral Colleges designated by odd numbers in Schedule A of this Act, and the persons so elected shall replace the four retiring members; the other five Colleges shall each elect a member at the annual meetings in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to replace the remaining four members, whose term of service will then expire. 5

Members to act gratuitously. **7.** The Board shall not pay or allow any sum to the members thereof, for acting as such, except the amount of their actual necessary expenses in attending the regular meetings of the Board; but it may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer from among its members or otherwise, and may pay a reasonable salary for such services; the Treasurer shall give such sureties as the Board requires. 10

Secretary and Treasurer may be paid.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARDS.

Regular meetings of the Board. **8.** The regular meetings of the Board shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called by the Secretary, at the instance of the President or Vice-President, or upon the written request of three members; and at least five days' notice of such meetings shall be given to each member. 15

Election of President. **2.** The members of the Board of Agriculture shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President, at their first meeting after each annual election; 20

Chairman *pro tem*. **3.** In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Board may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*;

Quorum. **4.** Five members of the Board shall be a quorum.

Duty of Board. **9.** It shall be the duty of the Board: 25

To receive Reports. **1.** To receive the Reports of Agricultural Societies, and before granting the certificates hereinafter mentioned, to see that they are in accordance with the law;

Experimental Farms. **2.** To procure and set in operation, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, experimental farms in connection with some public school, college or university, or otherwise, and to retain the management thereof; 30

Agricultural Museum. **3.** To establish at Montreal an Agricultural and Horticultural Museum and Library;

Importation of improved breeds of animals. **4.** To take measures to obtain from other countries, reproductive animals of improved breeds, new varieties of seeds, improved implements of husbandry, or machines which may appear adapted to facilitate agricultural operations, and to test the superiority of such animals, seeds, implements and machines; 35

Veterinary Surgeons. Boards may grant certificates. **5.** The Board of Agriculture shall pass by-laws, and allow persons desirous of practising as veterinary surgeons to undergo an examination; and upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that they possess the requisite qualifications, may grant them certificates of capacity as veterinary surgeons. 40