

Arts and Manufactures for Upper and Lower Canada respectively, in like manner as the County Agricultural Societies are placed under the supervision of the Boards of Agriculture; and the said Boards shall receive from the Government, and pay over to the respective Mechanics' Institutes, Mechanics' Branches of other Associations and Art Associations any grant of money to which they may be entitled:

2. And it shall be lawful for each Board to retain, for the use of its periodical Exhibitions, one-tenth part of all such grants; and no Mechanic's Institute or Art Association in Upper or Lower Canada shall be entitled to receive any grant of money from the Government, unless such Institute or Association has become incorporated under the general *Act respecting Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes*, chapter seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, or by a special Act of incorporation, nor unless such Institute or Association shall have transmitted to the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures for Upper or Lower Canada, a properly certified copy of its Annual Report for the past year;

Per centage of money granted to such Institutions to be retained by Board.

3. And it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures to send Agents to visit each incorporated Mechanic's Institute and Art Association affiliated thereto, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report on the progress each Institute or Association is making in carrying out the objects for which the grants from the Government are made; and no Association or Institute shall be called a Mechanics' Institute, within the meaning and provisions of this Act, unless it shall have enrolled at least twenty members, working mechanics or manufacturers, who are paying a subscription of at least one dollar each per annum to its funds.

Board to send agents to visit Institutions.

Least number of members of a Mechanics' Institute.

92. There may be formed in Lower Canada in connection with any Library Association, or Literary or Benevolent Association, a Mechanics' branch thereof, by twenty members thereof or any greater number, who shall be working mechanics or manufacturers, and who shall subscribe at least one dollar each annually, to a fund specially devoted to maintain a reading-room, library, lectures or classes adapted to the instruction of artizans or manufacturers; And such Mechanics' Branch of such Institute or Association may affiliate itself with the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, elect a delegate or delegates to represent it therein, in the same manner as a Mechanics' Institute may do; Provided always, that, together with the certificate of the election of such delegate or delegates, and the list of members elected, there is produced a statement or declaration from the proper officer, that such special fund has been altogether devoted to one or more of the objects above named; and provided further, that the President of any such Association shall not be entitled to be a member *ex-officio* of said Board, by reason of the affiliation of such branch.

Provision for the formation of Mechanics' Branches of Library or other Association.

93. There may be formed, with the Assent of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for either Upper or Lower Canada, at any city or town designated by such Board, a union of Institutes, to include all Institutes existing or to be formed at places within such electoral or other districts as may be determined and to be governed by officers appointed or elected under such By-laws as may be framed by such Boards, or either of them, for the better regulation and government of such union of Institutes; And such unions may affiliate themselves to such Boards respectively, in like manner and upon the same basis as single Institutes may do; and the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, or either of them, may delegate to such unions, or any of them, such powers with respect to the regulations of classes, the delivery of lectures, the formation of Museums and schools of design, and of free libraries, and the expenditure of moneys granted to such Boards for these purposes, as such

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