

of Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes, 14 and 15 Victoria, cap. 86," 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 and Lower Canada, a properly certified copy of its annual Report for the past year: And it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures to send Agents to visit each incorporated Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association in Upper and Lower Canada, respectively, 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 provision of this Act, unless it shall have at least twenty members enrolled as working mechanics or manufacturers, and paying a subscription of at least five shillings each per annum to its funds: And it shall be lawful for the Boards of Arts and Manufactures for Upper and Lower Canada, respectively, by resolutions of such Boards or the Councils thereof, to unite for the purpose of holding one Exhibition of the products of Canadian industry, under the joint direction of the Councils of the two Boards; and nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Boards, or either of them, from holding Exhibitions of the products of Arts and Manufactures in Canada, apart from the annual Exhibitions of the products of Agricultural industry, held under the auspices of the Agricultural Associations in each year.

Mechanics' Branch of certain Institutes, &c.

29. There may be formed in connection with any Rural Institute, or any 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 themselves with the Board of Arts in that portion of the Province in which such Institute or Association is formed, and 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 election, there is produced a statement or declaration from the proper officer, that the special fund has been altogether devoted to one or more of the objects above-named; And provided further, that the President of any such Institute or Association shall not be entitled to be a member *ex-officio* of said Board, by reason of the application of such branch.

Unions of Institutes for Electoral Districts.

30. 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, and to be governed by such officers appointed or elected under such By-laws as may be formed by such Boards, or either of them, for the better regulation and government of such unions of Institutes: And such unions may affiliate themselves to the one or other of such Boards, 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 regulation 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 Boards or either of them, may from time to time determine, by By-laws or resolutions in that behalf.