

4. And the word "Subscription" in this Act, includes payment of Subscription, the amount subscribed, as well as the mere act of subscription.

39. If there be any property, real or personal, in the hands of any one Society organized under this Act, which belonged wholly or in part to any other Society organized under former Acts, or under this Act, and comprising the territory, or part thereof; out of which the Society, not enjoying possession of the property, was formed, then, and in that case, the said property, or the value thereof, may be equitably divided by arbitration to be arranged between the parties; and if the Society so holding such property refuses or neglects to arbitrate or divide the same or the value thereof, or to comply with any award made upon any such arbitration, the Society aggrieved may sue at law and recover its proportion of the same, or the amount to which it is entitled by any such award in any Court of Civil Jurisdiction, and the Minister of Agriculture may order the grant of public money payable to the defaulting Society to be withheld while the default continues.

Arbitration
as to division
of property in
certain cases.

40. The Municipalities of any Cities, Towns, Villages, Counties, or Townships may grant money or land in aid of the Board of Agriculture, the District Council, or the Agricultural Society duly organized within the limits of the Municipality, for the purposes of this Act.

Municipali-
ties may
make grants.

41. Throughout this Act the word "Agriculture" includes not only the exploitation of cultivated lands, but also the improvement of wild land.

Interpretation

BOARDS OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

42. The Board of Arts and Manufactures shall be composed of the Minister of Agriculture, the Superintendent of Education, and twelve members elected by the institutes in incorporated towns.

Composition
of Board.

43. Each institute, at its first meeting, in the month of January in each year, shall elect and accredit to the Board of Arts and Manufactures one representative for every number of not less than one hundred members paying an annual subscription of one dollar, which shall be upon their roll.

Members from
Institutes.

44. A statement, verified upon oath, of the names contained in the roll of each institute for the ensuing year, shall be transmitted to the Minister of Agriculture, before the month of January in each year. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Agriculture to divide the institutes into Electoral Colleges, taking as the basis of such division the total number of members of all the institutes in Lower Canada, divided by twelve; if it should appear, after the institutes have been notified of such division, that too great a number of members have been elected, the Minister of Agriculture may decide which members shall retire.

Institutes to
be formed into
Electoral
Colleges.

45. The regular meetings of the Board of Arts and Manufactures 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 any five members; and at least five days' notice of such meetings shall be given to each member.

Meetings.

46. The members of the Board shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President; or in their absence, a Chairman *pro tempore*; seven members of the Board shall be a quorum.

Appointment
of Presidents.