

VII. It shall be the duty of the said officers and Directors to answer such queries, and give such information relating to Agriculture as the Minister of Agriculture or Board 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 recommendation of the said Board.

Duties of Officers and Directors.

VIII. Each County Society established as above mentioned shall be required in each year to hold at least one Show, for the exhibition of Agricultural produce, Farm stock, and all other objects relative to Agriculture, and also articles of Manufacture generally, and works of Art; and prizes shall be granted at the said Shows for the best specimens produced in the manner to be prescribed by the Board of Officers and Directors, and whereof notice shall have been publicly posted in each parish and township of the County; and the said prizes may be distributed in money, books on Agriculture, Agricultural Implements of an improved description, or grain of superior quality, on the award of at least two Judges, who shall be appointed by the officers and Board of Directors of the Society; the said Judges, however, shall not receive any of the prizes so awarded, and shall not be allowed more than ten shillings for inspecting at a Show, nor more than two pounds for the inspection of growing crops.

Annual shows, prizes, &c.

IX. In case the Board of Officers and Directors of any County Society shall consider that any other system might be substituted for that of Shows, and that the sum allotted to each County might be better applied either to the establishment of one or two Economical Model Farms or Agricultural Schools, for a public Granary, or to any other purpose for the improvement of Agriculture, or the encouragement generally of improvements in articles of Manufacture and works of Art, then it shall be lawful for such Society, through its Board of Officers and Directors, so to apply the said sum; Provided that notice thereof shall have been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such proposition obtained.

Model Farms. Public Granaries, &c.

Proviso,

X. No portion of the moneys belonging to any such Society shall be applied to the payment of any salary or allowance; except, however, that a sum not exceeding seven per cent shall be allowed to the Secretary Treasurer on all moneys expended by such Society under this Act, in lieu of salary and allowance for Stationery and other contingent expenses.

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer.

XI. Whenever a memorial, or memorials, from different parts of any County, any one, or all of which shall be signed by twenty persons, representing to the Board of Agriculture that it is inconvenient, on account of distance, for the farmers of their section to attend the Exhibitions of the County Society, and that a sufficient number of persons are willing to subscribe the amount necessary to form an Agricultural

Organization of a second County Society.