

Whenever fifty persons have become Members thereof by signing a declaration in the form of the Schedule A to this Act annexed, and paying each not less than one dollar annually to the Funds of the said Society; and a true copy of the said Declaration shall, within one month after the money has been so paid, be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture.

XLVIII. The object of the said Societies, and of the Township or branch Societies in connection therewith, shall be to encourage improvement in Agriculture or Horticulture, or both:—

1. By holding Meetings for discussion, and for hearing Lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved Husbandry;

2. By promoting the circulation of the Agricultural Periodicals published in the Province;

3. By importing or otherwise procuring Seeds, Plants and animals of new and valuable kinds;

4. By offering prizes for Essays on Questions of Scientific Enquiry relating to Agriculture or Horticulture, Manufactures and Works of Art;

5. And by awarding Premiums for excellence in the raising or introduction of Stock, the invention or improvement of Agricultural or Horticultural Implements and Machines, the production of grain and of all kinds of vegetables, plants, flowers and fruits, and generally for excellence in any Agricultural or Horticultural Production or Operation, Article of Manufacture or Work of Art;

6. The Funds of the Societies, derived from subscriptions of Members, or the Public Grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with those above mentioned;

7. And the Directors of every such County Society, at any meeting, called by written notice as hereinafter mentioned, and in which notice the object of the meeting has been specified, may make, alter and repeal By-laws and Rules for the regulation of such Society and the carrying out of its objects.

XLIX. The first Meeting for the formation of a County Agricultural Society in Upper Canada under this Act, shall be called by the Warden of the County or Union of Counties in the third week of January in each year, at which Meeting the Election of the various Officers shall take place, and the Society so organized shall be deemed the County or Electoral Division Society and shall be entitled to receive the Provincial Grant hereinafter provided; and all subsequent Annual Meetings after the first Meeting shall be called and held as provided in the next following section of this Act.

L. The said Societies shall hold their Annual Meetings in the third week of the month of January in each year, and shall at such meeting elect a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than seven Directors.

LI. The Presidents of the several Township Agricultural Societies, within the County Electoral Division, shall, in addition to those before named, be *ex officio* Directors of the County Society, provided that each such Township Society shall have upon its list of members at least ten persons who are also members of the County Society, and paying not less than one dollar each, or that such Society shall otherwise have contributed ten dollars annually to the funds of the County Society; and the said Officers and Directors shall, for the year next following the annual meeting, and until the election of their successors, exercise all the powers invested in the County Society by this Act.

LII. The Meetings of the Officers and Directors shall be held pursuant to adjournment, called by written notice given by authority the President, or in his absence, the Secretary or Vice-President, at least one week before the appointed; and at any meeting five shall constitute a quorum.

LIII. The said Officers and Directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, cause to be prepared, and shall present at each Annual Meeting a Report of their proceedings during the year, in which shall be stated names of all the Members of the Society, amount paid by each being set opposite his name, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount of such premiums respectively, and the name of the animal, or thing, in respect of which the same was awarded, together with such remarks and suggestions upon the Agriculture and Horticulture of the County, and Arts and Manufactures thereon, as the Directors are enabled to offer;

2. There shall also be presented to the Annual Meeting, a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements of the Society for the year;

3. The said Report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Society Journal, to be kept for such purposes, and read by the President, or a Vice-President, being a correct entry, and a true copy to be certified by the President or Secretary, at the time being, shall be sent to the Board of Agriculture, on or before the first day of April following.

LIV. The County Society shall receive Reports of the Township or Branch Societies, and shall transmit them to the Board of Agriculture, with such remarks thereon, to enable the said Board to obtain a correct knowledge of the progress of agricultural improvement in the County or Electoral Division.

LV. The said Officers and Directors shall answer such queries and give such information as the Board of Agriculture, or Minister of Agriculture, may, from time to time, by Letter, or otherwise, require, touching the interests or condition of Agriculture.