

by such Minister in that behalf, shall for every such offence incur a penalty of ten pounds currency, which penalty shall be recoverable by any person suing for the same before any Court of competent jurisdiction and shall be paid to Her Majesty.

VIII. The Minister of Agriculture may at any time, and from time to time, appoint any person or persons to inspect the books and accounts of any Society in the Province receiving Government aid, and which may be in any way in connexion with the said Bureau of Agriculture; and all officers of every such Society whenever required so to do, shall submit such books and accounts to such inspection, and truly to the best of their knowledge answer all questions that may be put to them in relation thereto, or to the funds of such Society.

Inspection of books and accounts of certain societies.

BOARDS OF AGRICULTURE.

IX. The Presidents, for the time being, of the Agricultural Associations hereinafter mentioned, and all Professors of Agriculture in chartered Colleges, Universities and other public educational institutions, shall respectively be Members *ex officio* of the Board of Agriculture for that section of the Province in which they reside.

Composition of Boards of Agriculture.

X. Four Members of each Board shall annually retire and cease to be Members thereof, unless re-elected, each seat being vacated every alternate year, but retiring Members may continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected as hereinafter provided; and the names of the retiring Members shall forthwith be published in the Agricultural Journals of the section of the Province in which they reside.

One half to retire every year.

XI. The County Agricultural Societies in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, shall, at their annual Meetings in February, nominate four fit and proper persons to be Members of the said Boards of Agriculture respectively, and shall forthwith transmit the names of the persons so nominated to the Bureau of Agriculture; and the four persons who shall have been nominated by the greatest number of Societies shall be Members of the said Boards respectively, in the place of the Members vacating their seats as aforesaid. Vacancies which may at any time happen through death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled up by the Governor in Council.

Nomination of Members of Board.

Vacancies.

XII. In case of an equality of votes for one or more of the persons so nominated, the Minister of Agriculture shall decide which shall be the Member, and he shall cause the persons so nominated, and the Boards to which they are nominated respectively, to be immediately notified of the result.

Case of equality of votes provided for.