

5. The proceedings at such meeting shall be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture by the person who shall have presided thereat; and if such person shall neglect or refuse to transmit a report of the said proceedings to the Board of Agriculture, whether such proceedings shall have been had since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, or shall be had after the passing of this Act in conformity therewith, it shall be lawful for not less than three persons who shall have been present at such meeting to draw up a *procès-verbal* setting forth the result of such meeting, and giving the names of the officers elected for such Agricultural Society, whether the same be for a County or for the Division of a County, as the case may be; And the said *procès-verbal* shall be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture, and shall be considered to be an official report of the proceedings of such meeting; if however it be objected that the said report is false and irregular, the Board of Agriculture shall decide the matter in dispute, and its decision shall be final.

6. The Agricultural Societies which have transmitted reports of the proceedings at their meetings to the Board of Agriculture, and of which the proceedings have been declared to be valid by the said Board of Agriculture, are hereby legalized notwithstanding any irregularities in such proceedings.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer of every Agricultural Society shall be bound to furnish security to the said Agricultural Society of which he is the Secretary-Treasurer, to the amount of two hundred pounds currency, to the satisfaction of the President and Vice-President of the said Society; and it shall not be lawful for him to receive any money from the Board or Bureau of Agriculture, without having first furnished a copy of such security to the Board of Agriculture.

8. All counties in Lower Canada, united for purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly, shall, for all the purposes of Agriculture, be deemed separate counties, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges conferred by the laws respecting Agriculture in force in Lower Canada, upon Counties not so united.

9. All returns to be made by Agricultural Societies organized in virtue of this Act, shall be made to the Board of Agriculture upon or before the first day of July next.

10. So much of the said Act twentieth Victoria, chapter thirty-two, as requires that the Agricultural Association for Lower Canada shall hold an annual Fair or Exhibition, is hereby repealed, and henceforth the said association shall hold a Fair or Exhibition annually or biennially, reckoning from the date of its last Fair or Exhibition, as the Board of Agriculture for Lower Canada shall deem best.

11. In case the Board of Officers and Directors of the Agricultural Society of any County or part of a County require the Municipal Council of such County to select a central and proper place in such County or part of a County at which the show of such Society shall be held in each year thereafter, it shall be lawful for such Municipal Council at any of its General Quarterly Sessions after the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and it shall be the duty of such Municipal Council after that day at its first General Quarterly Session, after having been so required, to pass a By-law declaring its selection of such a place, and thereafter the annual show of such Agricultural Society shall always be held at such place.

12. This Act shall be a Public Act, and shall apply to Lower Canada only.