

vote against ten. And as to the power of granting or withholding money that rests with the minister now as it must continue to do. We have made these remarks to meet the absurd objections which, both in the House and out of it, were raised to this bill by parties who evidently did not understand its object or subject matter.

As to the County and Township Societies they remain as they did before with the exception of two or three amendments to improve their working. These were with one or two exceptions suggested by persons connected with the Societies. Some amendments were made in the House at the suggestion of members, the advantage of which remains to be seen. We have enclosed within brackets [thus] the additions and alterations which the bill received in the House.

There are two or three practical points to which we direct the attention of Directors and others interested in Agricultural Societies.

1. All County Societies now legally organized do not require to be organized anew, but at the annual meeting in February they may elect seven instead of five Directors. (see sec. 1 and 27.)

2. County Societies organized under 14 and 15 Vic., as well as those which may be organized under the present act, should send a true copy of their Declaration to the Board of Agriculture in order that the Board may know and recognize their legal existence (Sec. 25.)

3. By section 36 County Societies are obliged to hold their Exhibitions at the County Town, unless a township society should "petition" to have one held in a Township. This is one of the amendments made in the House, at the instance, we believe, of the member for Waterloo. As the Bill was introduced the Directors of the County Society consisting of all the Presidents of the Township Societies as well as those elected by itself, had the power to say where their Exhibitions should be held. This is taken away by the amendment, not we fear for the benefit in all cases of the County Societies.

4. County Societies hereafter obtain the Government grant through the Board of Agriculture, (sec. 40.) and can only retain two-fifths for their own use, instead of one-half as formerly.

5. United Counties may now form separate Societies for each County of the Union, but each of such Societies will be limited to £150. When three Counties are united it will be advisable to form separate Societies at once, as the United Counties may thus obtain £450, whereas if they have but one County Society they can only draw £250, (sec. 38.)

6. Societies may now establish in conjunction with a Municipal Council, or alone, a School-

Farm—a most important privilege if exercised and carried out in an intelligent spirit, (sec. 43.)

7. Township Societies must hereafter organize by signing a Declaration in the same way as County Societies. The amount to be raised is reduced to £10, (sec. 33.)

8. Township Societies may become Corporate bodies if they wish, by passing a resolution to that effect, (see sec. 42.)

The Bill should be carefully read by the Officers of County and Township Societies before their next annual meetings, in order that its requirements may be complied with, and the Society become entitled to a share of the public Grant. We only have space in this number for the above suggestions.

*An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture.*

(10th Nov., 1852.)

WHEREAS the improvement of Agriculture is an object of great importance to the people of this Province, and whereas the erection of Central Boards and the organization of Local Societies have been found eminently useful in promoting such improvement, but in the absence of a suitable provision for the collection and dissemination in an authentic form of facts and statistics relating to Agriculture, the full benefit of these Associations is not attained, and it is therefore expedient to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture in connection with one of the Public Departments; and it is also expedient to amend and consolidate the laws now in force relating to Agriculture: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's reign, and intitled, *An Act to Incorporate the Lower Canada Agricultural Society*, and the Act passed in the same Session, and intitled, *An Act for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada*, and the Act passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, and intitled, *An Act to establish a Board of Agriculture in Upper Canada*, and the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, and intitled, *An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada*, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed, but all Agricultural Societies, Associations and Boards of Agriculture incorporated or otherwise, which have been