

proper management of such exhibitions; and for the disposition and management of their funds, property and affairs, and the execution of the duties and powers entrusted to them by this act; and the same from time to time to repeal or alter and make others in their stead.

5. But no repeal or alteration shall be made any rule or regulation, unless one month's notice of such proposed repeal or alteration shall have been given in any Journals that may at the time be published by the respective Boards of Agriculture and Boards of Arts and Manufactures.

XXXVII.—The Board of Agriculture, and the President and Vice President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and one other member of the Council of said Board, to be elected annually by said Council, shall be the Council of the Association, with full power to act for and on behalf of the Association between the annual meetings thereof; and all grants of money, subscriptions, or other funds made or appropriated for the use of the Association, (except money collected by or granted to any local committee for the local expenses of an Exhibition,) shall be received by and expended under the direction of the said Council.

6. And the President of the Board of Agriculture, and the President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, shall be respectively *ex officio* President and Vice President of the Council of Association, and the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, together with the Secretary of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, shall be *officio* joint Secretaries of the Association.

XXVIII.—All contracts and all legal proceedings, by, with, or concerning the Association, shall be made and had with the Council of the Association in its corporate capacity, and no contracts, agreements, actions or proceedings shall bind or affect the Association.

XIX.—The Council of the Association shall have power to grant licences to parties to refreshments upon the premises enclosed for Exhibition.

#### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

1. Any number of persons, not less than five, may organise and form themselves a Horticultural Society for any City, Town, Village, Township or Parish, or Union of two or more thereof together, either in Upper or Lower Canada, by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule A to this Act annexed, (but with the necessary alteration as to the name of the Society,) and subscribing a sum of not less than forty dollars annually to the funds thereof.

2. Such declaration shall be in duplicate, one part thereof shall be written, and signed by the first page or pages of a book to be kept by the Society for recording the minutes of its proceedings during the first year of its existence, and the other part thereof shall be written upon a sheet of paper or parchment, and forthwith be sent by Post to the Minister of Agriculture, who shall, as soon as may

be after the receipt thereof, cause a notice of the formation of such Society to be inserted in the *Canada Gazette*.

XLII. Upon the insertion in the *Canada Gazette* of the notice of the formation of any such Society, it shall become a Corporation for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned, by the name applied to it in such notice, which shall be the same as that in the declaration transmitted by such Society, and may acquire and hold, lease and mortgage and alienate property, real and personal, for the purposes of such Society.

XLIII. Every Horticultural Society incorporated under this Act may make By-laws, not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act, for prescribing the mode of admission of new Members and election of Officers, and otherwise regulating the administration of its affairs and property.

XLIV. Every such Society shall hold a meeting in the first week of the month of February, in each year, besides meetings at such other times as may be prescribed or provided for by its By-laws; and at such annual meeting a President, who shall also be a Director, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three nor more than nine other Directors shall be elected.

XLV. The said Directors shall prepare and present to the annual meeting of the Society a report of their proceedings during the year, in the same manner as herein directed for County Agricultural Societies, and containing information under the same heads, save and except those which relate to Agriculture,—the object and purposes of Horticultural Societies being the same as those of Agricultural Societies, as hereinafter mentioned, but with reference to Horticulture only, and the said report shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture for that section of the Province in which the Society is situated, on or before the first day of April in each year.

XLVI. "Every Horticultural Society in any city, town, or incorporated village, incorporated under this act, or which may have been incorporated under any other act of the Provincial Legislature, shall be entitled to a public grant, equal to the amount subscribed by the members of such society and certified by their Treasurer to have been paid into his hands in the manner provided by the section of the act relating to Agricultural Societies, provided that the whole amount granted to any such society shall not exceed £100 in any year."

#### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN UPPER CANADA.

##### County or Electoral Division Societies.

XLVII. An Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Electoral Divisions of Upper Canada for the purposes of Representation in the Legislative Assembly, in which there was not one embracing the limits of such Electoral Division already organized on the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.