

VI. The Directors aforesaid shall be elected at any period after the first of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty, by each County or County Division Society, by the majority of the Members thereof present at a meeting to be called by three of their number, and presided over by one of the associates then chosen for that purpose, and shall be elected for one year, at the expiration of which seven others shall be elected in their stead, unless they be re-elected, by the majority of the Members of such Society at a public meeting called by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, and presided over by one or the other of them. The said public meetings shall be called by a public notice posted at the doors of the churches in each parish or township, or in some public and central place.

When election shall take place.

VII. The Board of Directors of each Society shall, before going out of office, make an annual report to the Legislature of the proceedings of the said Society, and the said report may be accompanied by such remarks upon Agriculture as the Board of Directors shall think fit to make.

Board to make annual report.

VIII. The Secretary Treasurer of each Society shall, on delivering the Superintendent of his District a notice under oath sworn to before a Justice of the Peace (who is hereby authorised to administer the same) that such Society is composed of twenty-five Members, and that he has received from each of them the amount of his subscription as above prescribed, be entitled to receive from the Superintendent the sum allotted to his County, in the manner provided in the next section: and any Secretary Treasurer who shall swear falsely to any such notice shall be guilty of perjury; and shall for any wilful misconduct in the exercise of his office, be liable to a penalty of *twenty-five pounds* currency.

The societies to receive a grant on certain conditions.

IX. The sum of *four thousand* pounds shall in every year be placed at the disposal of the two Superintendents of Agriculture for Lower Canada, who shall meet at Quebec in order to apportion the said sum among the different Counties according to their respective population and the number of arpents of land occupied; the said number of arpents being to the population in the proportion of five to one, each individual being considered in making the division as equal to five arpents.

£4000 placed at the disposal of the Superintendents.

X. Each County Society, established as above mentioned, shall be required in each year to hold one or two shows for the exhibition of agricultural produce, farm stock, and all other objects relative to agriculture, in the manner in which they are usually held in Lower Canada, and prizes shall be granted at the said shows for the best specimens produced, in the manner to be prescribed by the Board

Shows, &c.