

IV. The said Societies shall hold their annual meeting in the third week of the month of January in each year, in compliance with section five of this Act, and each such Society shall, at such meeting, elect a President, a Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer, and not more than seven Directors, all of whom shall form the Board of Directors for such Society; but with a view to encourage improvements in articles of Manufacture and works of Art, it is hereby provided that the President of each Mechanics' Institute, if any, within the limits of such Society, which shall contribute two pounds ten shillings for the year to the funds of said Society, or some fit person to be appointed by each such Institute, shall be *ex officio* a member of the said Board; Provided that the first meeting in each County shall be called by the Warden of the County, at the *chef-lieu* where there is but one Society and at the most frequented place within the territorial limits where there are two Societies, in the third week of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, after notice of the object, and the time and place of such meeting publicly given in the newspapers of the County, or by placards posted up in different places in the County for at least one week previously, and the Society, then and there organized, shall be, and be held to be, the County Agricultural Society: Provided further, that in those Counties in which there is only one Agricultural Society in operation at the time of the passing of this Act, and organized prior to the nineteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, it shall and may be lawful for the Agricultural Society of such County to re-organize under this Act through the President or Vice-President of such Society giving notice as required by this Act; and in such case a statement of such organization shall be transmitted through the Warden of the County to the Board of Agriculture.

Annual Meetings.—Officers and Boards.

Ex officio Members from Mechanics' Institutes.

Proviso: as to first meetings.

Proviso: re-organization of present Societies in certain cases.

V. The Officers and Directors of the said Society shall and may, for the year next following the annual meeting, and until the election of their successors, exercise all the powers vested in the Society by this Act, and they shall hold their meetings, pursuant to adjournment or written notice, to each from the President, or, in his absence, from the Vice-President or a President appointed *pro tempore*, which shall be given, at least, one week before the day appointed for such meeting, and at such meeting five shall be a quorum, and the said Officers and Directors shall have power, at every such meeting, to make, alter and repeal By-laws and Rules for the management of the Society.

Powers of Officers and Directors.

Quorum at meetings.
By-laws.

VI. The said Officers and Directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, cause to be prepared, and shall present, at the annual meeting, a report of their proceedings during the year, in which shall be stated the names of all the members of the Society, the amount paid by each, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount

Annual reports and statements, and what they shall contain.