

11. The Board may at any time appoint a person to inspect the books and accounts of any society in the Province receiving Government aid in connection with agriculture, and all officers of every such society, when ever required so to do, shall submit its books and accounts to such inspection, and truly to the best of their knowledge answer all questions put to them in relation thereto or to the funds of the society.

12. For the purposes of this Act the Board shall be entitled to draw from the Provincial Treasury annually such sum, not exceeding Two Thousand dollars, as the Governor and Council may authorize, out of which they may expend a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars for the salaries of their officers, and a further sum, not exceeding fifty dollars, for stationery and other incidental expenses, and they shall exhibit to the Government for the information of the Legislature every year, an account of the expenditure of the same with proper vouchers, and a full report of their proceedings.

13. Agricultural Societies may be organized in each of the counties wherever forty persons or more shall have become members thereof, by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule A to this Act, and paying each not less than one dollar annually to the funds thereof, and a true copy of the said declaration shall, within one month after the money has been so paid, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Central Board.

14. When any society shall be so organized, such society shall be entitled to draw annually from the treasury, by warrant in favor of its president, and on the certificate of the secretary of the Central Board, double the amount of the subscriptions so raised and paid—the payment of such subscriptions to be certified by the secretary of the society, but no county society shall be entitled to draw more than two hundred dollars in any one year.

15. In counties where more than one agricultural society exists, the government allowance shall be given on the principle in section fourteen, not exceeding for any county the sum of two hundred and forty dollars in any one year; and the same shall be apportioned among such societies by the Central Board in a rateable proportion to the amount of the subscriptions raised and paid by each society for the year in which such allowance shall be claimed,—no county to have more than four societies.

16. In case of any difficulties arising as to the boundaries of any societies, the Central Board shall define the same.

17. The object of such agricultural societies shall be to encourage and promote the introduction of improved stock, seeds,

fruit, roots, implements, methods of culture, drainage, orchard cultivation, and improvement in farm buildings and domestic manufactures, to hold shows and exhibitions, to award premiums for excellence, and to diffuse information concerning agriculture and horticulture. The funds of such societies, derived from the subscriptions of members or the public grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with those above mentioned.

18. The annual meetings of the societies shall be held on the first Tuesday of December in each year, when they shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than five directors, and they shall also, at the same time, nominate four persons to be members of the Central Board, as required by section six.

19. The officers appointed at the formation of such societies shall, until the election of their successors at the annual meeting, exercise all the powers vested in the society by this Act.

20. They shall hold special meetings pursuant to adjournment, or on written notice from the secretary, which shall be given one week before the day appointed for such meeting, and at such meeting five shall be a quorum.

21. The said officers and directors may at any such meetings make, alter, and repeal bye-laws and rules for the management of such society, copies of which shall within one month thereafter be forwarded to the secretary of the Central Board for its approval.

22. The said officers and directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, present at the annual meeting in December a report of the proceedings of the society 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, with the name of the animal, article or thing in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks upon the agriculture of the county as they may be enabled to offer, and a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the society during the year, which report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the journal of the society, and a true copy thereof certified by the president and secretary to be correct, shall be sent to the Central Board within one month thereafter.

23. If any society shall neglect to render such accounts and report, it shall forfeit its claims to the provincial grant for the year next succeeding.

24. The county society, where but one exists in a county, and the several societies, where more than one is established therein, shall be requested to hold an annual show for the exhibition of agricul-

tural and horticultural produce, farm stock, and articles of domestic manufactures, at which prizes shall be granted for the best specimens produced of farm culture, and such shows shall be held at such time and place, and under such regulations, as the majority of the officers and directors of the several county societies may determine.

25. If the officers and directors of the agricultural society of any county, or part of a county, consider that any other system might advantageously be substituted for that of shows, and that the sum allotted to such societies might be better applied in the importation of stock, or to any other purpose for the improvement of agriculture,—in such case they may apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of such appropriation obtained.

26. The provisions of this chapter shall extend to all agricultural societies at present in existence.

SCHEDULE A.

We whose names are hereto subscribed agree to form ourselves into a society, under the provisions of the Chapter of the Revised Statute—"Of the Encouragement of Agriculture," under name of the Agricultural Society, in the County of _____ and we severally agree to pay to the treasurer of said society towards the funds thereof annually, the sums set opposite our respective names.

Names of Subscribers.		Sums Subscribed.
A	B	\$
C	D	

SCHEDULE B.

The City and County of Halifax shall comprise District No. 1; District No. 2 shall include the counties of Kings, Antapolis, and Digby; District No. 3 shall include the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, and Yarmouth; District No. 4 shall include the Counties of Hants, Colchester, and Cumberland; District No. 5 shall include the Counties of Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough; District No. 6 shall include the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness and Victoria.

28th VICTORIAE, CAP. 20.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 96 OF THE REVISED STATUTES "OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE."

(Passed the 18th day of April, A.D., 1865.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. Five members of the Board of