

3. And it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures to send Agents to visit each incorporated Mechanics' Institute and Art Association affiliated thereto, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report on the progress each Institute or Association is making in carrying out the objects for which the grants from the Government are made; and no Association or Institute shall be called a Mechanics' Institute, within the meaning and provisions of this Act, unless it shall have enrolled at least twenty members, working mechanics or manufacturers, who are paying a subscription of at least one dollar each per annum to its funds.

Board to send agents to visit Institutions.

Least number of members of a Mechanics' Institute.

85. There may be formed in Lower Canada, in connection with any Library Association, or Literary or Benevolent Association, a Mechanics' Branch thereof, by twenty members thereof, or any greater number, who shall be working mechanics or manufacturers, and who shall subscribe at least one dollar each annually, to a fund specially devoted to maintain a reading-room, library, lectures or classes adapted to the instruction of artizans or manufacturers; and such Mechanics' Branch of such Institute or Association may affiliate itself with the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, elect a delegate or delegates to represent it therein, in the same manner as a Mechanics' Institute may do: Provided always, that, together with the certificate of the election of such delegate or delegates, and the list of members elected, there is produced a statement or declaration from the proper officer, that such special fund has been altogether devoted to one or more of the objects above named; and provided, further, that the President of any such Association shall not be entitled to be a member *ex-officio* of said Board, by reason of the affiliation of such branch.

Provision for the formation of Mechanics' Branches of Library or other Association.

Proviso.

86. There may be formed, with the assent of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for either Upper or Lower Canada, at any city or town designated by such Board, a union of Institutes, to include all Institutes existing or to be formed at places within such electoral or other districts as may be determined, and to be governed by officers appointed or elected under such By-laws as may be framed by such Boards, or either of them, for the better regulation and government of such union of Institutes; and such unions may affiliate themselves to such Boards respectively, in like manner and upon the same basis as single Institutes may do; and the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, or either of them, may delegate to such unions, or any of them, such powers with respect to the regulations of classes, the delivery of lectures, the formation of Museums and schools of design, and of free libraries, and the expenditures of moneys granted to such Boards for these purposes, as such Boards, or either of them, may from time to time determine, by By-laws or resolutions in that behalf.

Union of Institutes.

87. Each of the Boards shall hold a Fair or Exhibition open to competitors from any part of the Province; such Fair or Exhibition shall be held annually in Upper Canada and annually or bi-annually in Lower Canada:

2. The Boards of Art and Manufactures may hold said Fair or Exhibitions jointly with the Boards of Agriculture or otherwise, and they may appoint a local Committee of the place where such Fair or Exhibition is appointed to be held, and prescribe the powers and duties of such Committee.