

the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, for a sum equal to one-tenth of the sum so granted to the County Society.

FAIRS OR MARKETS.

XXX. *And be it enacted*, that it shall be lawful for the officers and directors of any County, Township, or Branch Agricultural Society, organized according to this act, to appoint a fair or market to be held, not oftener than once a month, at some specified place within their County, Township or Townships, respectively, for the sale of stock, agricultural produce, and all other commodities whatsoever; Provided that at least one month's notice of time and place of such fair or market, shall be given in some public newspaper published in the said County; or if no such paper be published therein, then in the newspaper which shall be published nearest to the said County.

XXXI. *And be it enacted*, That such Fair or Market shall be, as respects any thing that may be sold lawfully thereat, and which shall be sold in a public manner, between the hours of ten in the forenoon, and five in the afternoon, a market overt, and the usual common law incidents shall attach to such sales; Provided always, that the property in any animal, article or thing, proved to have been feloniously taken from the owner, shall not be altered by any such sale.

XXXII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the Officers and Directors of such Society, if they shall think proper, to fix a moderate toll to be paid by the seller of any article at such Fair or Market, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of holding the same; Provided that the amount of such toll shall be specified in the public notice hereinbefore required to be given; and any Justice of the Peace, on proof of a sale at such Fair or Market, and refusal to pay the said toll, may issue his warrant against the seller, and levy the amount thereof by distress and sale of the seller's goods and chattels, as in ordinary cases of distress.

SCHEDULE A.

We whose names are subscribed hereto, agree to form ourselves into a Society, under the provisions of the Act of the Legislature, 13 and 14 Victoria, cap. to be called the "County [Township or Branch, as the case may be] Agricultural Society of the County of " [or Township of ], and we hereby severally agree to pay to the Treasurer, yearly, while we continue members of the said Society (any member being at liberty to retire therefrom upon giving notice in writing, at any time before the Annual Meeting, to the Secretary thereof, of his wish so to do) the sums set opposite our respective names; and we further agree to conform to the rules and by-laws of the said Society:—

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	£ s. d.

SCHEDULE L.

COUNTY OF , } I. A. B., of the Township of  
TO WIT: } Treasurer of the  
County Agricultural Society of the County of  
make oath and say, that the sum of pounds  
shillings and pence has been paid into my  
hands since the first day of February last, by the Town-

ship Agricultural Societies of the said County, as-and for members' subscriptions for this year; and that the sum of pounds, &c., has been paid into my hands as subscriptions for this year, by members of the said County Society; and that the said sums, making in the whole the sum of pounds, &c., now remain in my hands ready to be disposed of according to law.  
Sworn to before me this day of

A. D., 185 ,

A. B.

Justice of the Peace for the County of }

DRAFT OF PETITION.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, humbly sheweth—

That four-fifths of the people of Canada are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and that the advancement of this great interest, by the introduction of improved systems of practice, aided by the discoveries and suggestions of modern science, is an object of paramount importance to the welfare and progress of this country.— That the present condition of agriculture in Canada, is susceptible of immense improvement, and, therefore, all available means should be promptly brought into operation for the promotion of so valuable a purpose.

Your Petitioners understand that a Chair of Agriculture was recently established in King's College, but they are not aware that any means have been adopted to procure a Professor to fill such chair. Your Petitioners perceive that by the 49th clause of the New University Act, it is provided,—“That the Commissioners shall be further directed by the said Commission of Visitation to consider and report upon the “the best means of making the Chair of Agriculture recently established in the said University more efficient “and useful, and to consider and report generally upon “the best means of making the said University, as far “as its funds will permit, the instrument of drawing “forth and stimulating the latent talent of the youth of “Upper Canada.”

The recommendation is good, but your Petitioners conceive that it is not the prompt mode of action the circumstances of the case require; as, in their opinion, the Chair of Agriculture should be one of the first to be filled, and that it should be sufficiently endowed to secure the services of a competent Professor, whose time might be occupied in part, in visiting and lecturing in the several counties of the Province, for the purpose of diffusing Agricultural knowledge, collecting facts and making observations in reference to the practical improvement of this important art, and otherwise “drawing forth and stimulating the latent talent of the youth of Upper Canada.”

Your Petitioners beg also to call the attention of your Honourable House, to the importance of establishing a Board of Agriculture, for that portion of the United Province, called Upper Canada, and that this Board should be empowered to take such other measures as may seem to it best calculated to advance the most important of all the interests of Canada, the improvement of her agriculture. For this purpose your Petitioners beg to call the attention of your Honourable House to the provisions of a Bill introduced herewith, for promoting an improved management of Agricultural Societies, and they pray that it may be passed into a law, with such alterations and amendments as your