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An Act to amend Chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, and otherwise to provide for the encouragement of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble.

1. The Bureau of Agriculture, and Societies, and Boards of Agriculture lawfully organized or established shall continue to exist, except in so far as the said Bureau, or such Societies and Boards are altered or affected by this Act. Bureau and Societies continued.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

2. The Bureau of Agriculture shall continue to be attached to one of the Public Departments, and the head of that department shall be charged with the Direction of the said Bureau, and shall in respect thereof be known as the Minister of Agriculture. Minister of Agriculture and Bureau thereof.

3. The Minister of Agriculture shall be *ex officio* Member of the Boards of Agriculture of this Province. Minister to be member of Agricultural Boards.

4. He shall receive applications, drawings, descriptions, specifications and models for or relating to Patents for Inventions in this Province, and shall keep the records thereof. To receive Applications for Patents of Inventions, &c., &c.

5. He shall be President of the Board of Registration and Statistics, and shall, under the general direction of the said Board, have charge of the Census and other Statistical Returns. To be President of Board of Registration, &c.

6. It shall be part of the duty of the Minister of Agriculture to institute inquiries and collect useful facts and statistics relating to the Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests of the Province, and to adopt measures for disseminating or publishing the same, in such manner and form as he finds best adapted to promote improvement within the Province, and to encourage immigration from other countries; and he shall submit to Parliament, within ten days after the opening of each Session thereof, a detailed Report of his proceedings. To collect facts relating to Agriculture, &c., and disseminate the same. Annual Reports.

7. The Boards of Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, Municipal Councils, Boards of Arts and Manufactures, Mechanics' Institutes, Institutions, and Public Officers of this Province shall promptly answer official communications from the Bureau of Agriculture; they shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them:—And any officer of such Boards, Societies, Councils, Institutes or other Public Institutions, refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any question, or to furnish any information relating to the Agricultural, Mechanical or Manufacturing interests, or to the Statistics of this Province, whenever required so to do, either by the Minister, or by any person duly authorized by him in that behalf, shall for every such offence incur a penalty of forty dollars which shall be Boards of Agriculture, &c., to answer his communications. Penalty for Refusal.

recoverable by any person suing for the same before any Court of competent jurisdiction, and shall be paid to Her Majesty.

He may appoint persons to inspect accounts of Agricultural Societies, &c., 5

8. The Minister of Agriculture may, at any time, and from time to time, appoint any person or persons to inspect the books and accounts of the Societies in the Province which receive Government aid, and are in any way in connection with the Bureau of Agriculture;—And the officers of the Societies, whenever required so to do, shall submit such books and accounts to such inspection, and answer all questions put to them in relation to the funds of such Society.

Appropriations for the promotion of Agricultural Instruction. 10

9. Four and a-half per cent of the amount annually granted for the encouragement of Agriculture in Lower Canada, and two and a-half in Upper Canada, shall be appropriated and devoted to the diffusion of Agricultural information:

How to be employed. 15

2. The Board of Agriculture shall, in its Reports to the Government, indicate in what manner this sum should be employed;

How much to be at disposal of the Board.

3. Of the amount granted for the encouragement of Agriculture, ten per cent in Upper Canada, and eight per cent in Lower Canada, shall be placed at the disposal, and in the hands of the Board, for the purpose indicated by law.

Certain Schools, &c., to send a member to the Board. 20

10. Schools and Colleges in which a course of Agricultural instruction is given, and which, on account of such instruction, receive a grant from the public moneys, shall be entitled to select one of the Agricultural professors of the institution to be a member of the Board of Agriculture:

Superintendent of Education and Agricultural Professors to be members. 25

2. The Superintendent of Education and the Agricultural professors appointed by the Government, shall be *ex officio* members of the Board for that part of the Province in which they reside.

Six Members to retire annually. Names to be published. 30

11. Six members of each Board shall retire annually, unless re-elected, each seat being vacated every alternate year; but retiring members may continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected; and the names of the retiring members shall be published in the Agricultural Journals of the section of the Province in which they reside, or in such other public newspapers as the Minister of Agriculture may direct.

U. and L. Canada divided into Districts. 35

12. Upper and Lower Canada shall each be divided into twelve Agricultural Districts, designated by number, as in Schedules A and B annexed to this Act, and each comprising the Counties designated in the Schedules;

Societies to appoint Members of Boards 40

2. The Agricultural Societies in each District shall, at their annual meeting, elect one person to represent it at the Board of Agriculture of the same section of the Province, by a majority of the votes of the Agricultural Societies in each District; and the Secretary of each Society shall, within eight days after the election, forward to the Minister of Agriculture the name of the person chosen by the Society;

Casting Vote. 45

3. In case of an equality of votes for two or more persons, the Minister of Agriculture shall have a casting vote.

Casual vacancies.

4. Vacancies through death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Minister of Agriculture.

When first election shall take place. 50

13. The first election shall take place at the annual meeting in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, in each of the Districts designated by odd numbers in schedules A and B to this Act, and the persons so elected shall replace the four retiring members; the other six Districts shall each elect a member at the annual meeting in 1865, to

replace the remaining four members whose term of service will then expire.

14. The said Boards shall not pay or allow any sum to the members thereof, for acting as such, except the amount of their actual necessary expenses in attending the regular meetings of the Board; but each of the Boards may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer from among its members or otherwise, and may pay a reasonable salary for such services; The Treasurer shall give such sureties as the Board requires.

Members to act gratuitously.

Secretary and Treasurer may be paid.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARDS.

15. The Regular meetings of the Boards shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or be called by the Secretary, at the instance of the President or Vice-President, or upon the written request of three members; and at least five days' notice of such meetings shall be given to each member:

Regular Meetings of the Boards.

2. The members of the Boards of Agriculture shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President, at their first meeting after each annual election;

Election of President.

3. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Board may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*;

Chairman *pro tem.*

4. Five members of the Board shall be a *quorum*.

Quorum.

16. It shall be the duty of the Boards:

Duty of Boards.

1. To receive the Reports of Agricultural Societies, and before granting the certificates hereinafter mentioned, to see that they have complied with the law;

2. To procure and set in operation, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, experimental farms in connection, or not, with some public school, college or university, or otherwise, and to retain the management thereof;

Experimental Farms.

3. To establish, at Toronto and Montreal respectively, an Agricultural Museum and an Agricultural and Horticultural Library;

Agricultural Museum.

4. To take measures to obtain from other countries animals of new or improved breeds, new varieties of seeds, improved implements of husbandry, or machines which may appear adapted to facilitate agricultural operations, to test the superiority of such animals, seeds, vegetables or other productions, implements and machines.

Importation of improved breeds of animals.

5. The Boards of Agriculture shall pass by-laws, and allow persons desirous of practising as veterinary surgeons to undergo an examination; and upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that they possess the requisite qualifications, may grant them certificates of capacity as veterinary surgeons.

Veterinary Surgeons. Board may grant certificates.

17. The said Boards shall keep a Record of their respective transactions, and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner as to secure the widest circulation among the Agricultural Societies and farmers, all Reports, Essays, Lectures and other information which the Boards may consider useful to the public:

Records of their transactions, &c.,

2. The Boards shall publish a Journal, or adopt, as their channel of communication with Agricultural Societies, the Agricultural Journals now published in Upper and Lower Canada respectively; Agricultural Societies receiving any share of the Public Grant shall give, at least, one month's notice of the time and place of holding their Exhibitions in the Journals so published or adopted by the Boards.

Board to publish a Journal of Agriculture.

18. The said Boards shall forthwith transmit to the Bureau of Agriculture a copy of their proceedings, and at the commencement of each

Copy of proceedings, &c., to be sent to Bureau.

year a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements made up to the thirty-first of December of the previous year.

Board to continue to be body corporate. **19.** The Boards shall continue to be bodies corporate, and may acquire and hold land and real and personal property for the purposes of their incorporation, and may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same. 5

Exhibitions. **20.** The Boards shall hold Exhibitions open to competitors from any part of the Province, annually in Upper Canada, and annually or bi-ennially in Lower Canada;

How to be held. 2. The Boards of Agriculture shall hold the said Exhibitions jointly with the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, or otherwise, and they shall appoint a local committee, and prescribe its powers. 10

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

How and where to be formed. **21.** Any number of persons, not less than twenty-five may organize and form themselves into a Horticultural Society for any City, Town, Village, Township or Parish, or Union of two or more thereof together, either in Upper or Lower Canada, by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule A to this Act annexed, (but with the necessary alteration as to the name of the Society,) and subscribing a sum of not less than forty dollars annually to the funds thereof. 15

Declaration of Members. **22.** Such declaration shall be in duplicate, and one part thereof shall be written and signed on the first page or pages of a book to be kept by the Society for recording the minutes of its proceedings during the first year of its existence, and the other part thereof shall be written and signed on a sheet of paper or parchment, and shall forthwith be sent by Post to the Minister of Agriculture, who shall, as soon as may be after the receipt thereof, cause a notice of the formation of such Society to be inserted in the *Canada Gazette*. 25

Society to be a Corporation. **23.** Upon the insertion in the *Canada Gazette* of the notice of the formation of any such Society, it shall become a Corporation for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned, by the name applied to it in such notice, which shall be the same as that in the declaration transmitted by such Society, and may acquire and hold, lease and mortgage and alienate property, real and personal, for the purposes of such Society. 30

Power to make By-laws. **24.** Every Horticultural Society incorporated under this Act may make By-laws, not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act, for prescribing the mode of admission of new Members and election of Officers, and otherwise regulating the administration of its affairs and property. 35

Meetings of Society. **25.** Every such Society shall hold a meeting in the first week of the month of February, in each year, besides meetings at such other times as may be prescribed or provided for by its By-laws; and at such annual meeting a President, (who shall also be a Director,) a Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three nor more than nine other Directors shall be elected. 40 45

Annual Report. **26.** The said Directors shall prepare and present to the annual meeting of the Society a report of their proceedings during the year, in the same manner as herein directed for County Agricultural Societies, and containing information under the same heads, save and except those which relate to Agriculture,—the object and purpose of Horticultural 50

Societies being the same as those of Agricultural Societies, as hereinafter mentioned, but with reference to Horticulture only.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN UPPER CANADA.

County or Electoral Division Societies.

- 27.** An Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Electoral Divisions of Upper Canada for the purpose of Representation in the Legislative Assembly, in which there was not one embracing the limits of such Electoral Division already organized on the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, whenever fifty persons have become Members thereof by signing a Declaration in the form of the Schedule C to this Act annexed, and paying each not less than one dollar annually to the Funds of the said Society; and a true copy of the said Declaration shall, within one month after the money has been so paid, be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture.
- 28.** The object of the said Societies, and of the Township or Branch Societies in connection therewith, shall be, to encourage improvement in Agriculture or Horticulture, or both:—
1. By holding Meetings for discussion, and for hearing Lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved Husbandry;
 2. By promoting the circulation of the Agricultural Periodicals published in the Province;
 3. By importing or otherwise procuring Seeds, Plants and Animals of new and valuable kinds;
 4. By offering prizes for Essays on Questions of Scientific Enquiry relating to Agriculture or Horticulture, Manufactures and Works of Art;
 5. And by awarding Premiums for excellence in the raising or introduction of Stock, the invention or improvement of Agricultural or Horticultural Implements and Machines, the production of grain and of all kinds of vegetables, plants, flowers and fruits, and generally for excellence in any Agricultural or Horticultural Production or Operation, Article of Manufacture or work of Art;
 6. The Funds of the Societies, derived from subscriptions of Members, or the Public Grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with those above mentioned;
 7. And the Directors of every such County Society, at any meeting, called by written notice as hereinafter mentioned, and in which notice the object of the meeting has been specified, may make, alter and repeal By-laws and Rules for the regulation of such Society and the carrying out of its objects.
- 29.** The first Meeting for the formation of a County Agricultural Society in Upper Canada under this Act, shall be called by the Warden of the County or Union of Counties in the third week of January in each year, at which meeting the Election of the various Officers shall take place, and the Society so organized shall be deemed the County or Electoral Division Society, and shall be entitled to receive the Provincial Grant hereinafter provided; and all subsequent Annual Meetings after the first meeting shall be called and held as provided in the next following section of this Act.
- 30.** The said Societies shall hold their annual meetings on the fourth Thursday in the month of January, in each year, and shall, at such meeting, elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than nine Directors; but no person shall be

Society may be organised in each Electoral Division &c.

Object of such Societies.

Discussion, &c.
Agricultural Periodicals

Seeds,

Prizes for Essays.

Premiums.

Application of Funds.

By laws

First meeting for formation of County Society.

Annual meetings: election of officers.

entitled to vote at such meeting until he has paid his subscription for the current year.

- 31.** The Presidents of the several Township Agricultural Societies, within the County or Electoral Division, shall, in addition to those before named, be *ex officio* Directors of the County Society; and the said Officers and Directors shall, for the year next following the annual meeting, and until the election of their successors, exercise all the powers vested in the County Society by this Act. 5
- 32.** The Meetings of the Officers and Directors shall be held pursuant to adjournment, or called by written notice given by authority of the President, or in his absence, the Senior Vice-President, at least one week before the day appointed; and at any meeting five shall be a quorum. 10
- 33.** 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 set opposite his name, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount of such premiums respectively, and the name of the animal, article or thing, in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks and suggestions upon the Agriculture and Horticulture of the County, and Arts and Manufactures therein, as the Directors are enabled to offer: 15
- 34.** There shall also be presented to the said Annual Meeting, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year; 20
- 35.** The said Report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Society's Journal, to be kept for such purposes, and signed by the President, or a Vice-President, as being a correct entry, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Secretary, for the time being, shall be sent to the Board of Agriculture, on or before the first day of April next following. 25
- 36.** The County Society shall receive the Reports of the Township or Branch Societies, and shall transmit them to the Board of Agriculture, with such remarks thereon, as will enable the said Board to obtain a correct knowledge of the progress of Agricultural Improvement in the County or Electoral Division. 30
- 37.** The said Officers and Directors shall answer such queries, and give such information, as the Board of Agriculture, or Minister of Agriculture may, from time to time, by Circular, Letter, or otherwise, require, touching the interests or condition of Agriculture in their County or Electoral Division, and generally shall act as far as practicable upon the recommendations of the Board. 35
- 38.** A Township or Branch Agricultural Society may be organized in each Township in Upper Canada, in which there was not one already organized, on the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, or in any two or more such Townships together, whenever a sufficient number of persons, not less than twenty-five, become Members, by signing a declaration in the form of Schedule C, to this Act annexed, and subscribing a sum not less than forty dollars annually, to the funds 40
- 39.** 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 set opposite his name, the names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, the amount of such premiums respectively, and the name of the animal, article or thing, in respect of which the same was granted, together with such remarks and suggestions upon the Agriculture and Horticulture of the County, and Arts and Manufactures therein, as the Directors are enabled to offer: 45
- 40.** There shall also be presented to the said Annual Meeting, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year; 50
- 41.** The said Report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Society's Journal, to be kept for such purposes, and signed by the President, or a Vice-President, as being a correct entry, and a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Secretary, for the time being, shall be sent to the Board of Agriculture, on or before the first day of April next following. 55

thereof; and a true copy of the said Declaration, certified by the President or Vice-President of such Society, shall be forthwith transmitted to the County Society.

5 **37.** The said Societies shall hold their Annual Meeting on the second Thursday of the month of January in each year, and shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and not fewer than three, nor more than nine Directors. Annual meetings: election of officers.

10 **38.** The said Officers and Directors shall prepare and present to the Annual Meeting of the Society, a Report of their proceedings during the year, in the same manner as hereinbefore directed for County Societies, and containing information under the same heads, and shall transmit a true copy thereof, certified by the President or Vice-President, to the Secretary of the County Society, in time for the Annual Meeting thereof in the month of January. Annual Report. Copy to County Society.

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN UPPER CANADA.

39. The Exhibition of the County Society shall be held wherever the majority of the Directors, or of a quorum thereof think fit, giving due and public notice thereof; Where exhibition of County Society shall be held.

20 **2.** And two or more County and Township Societies may, by agreement between the Directors thereof, or a majority of Directors of each such Society, unite their Funds, or any portion thereof, for the erection of suitable buildings in which to exhibit Articles of Produce or Manufacture or Works of Art, or for Annual or Extra Shows, or for Ploughing Matches, or for any other purpose likely to promote the welfare of any one or more Counties or Townships, in Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts or Manufactures, and may acquire, by purchase or lease, and hold sufficient land for this purpose, from time to time, and may exchange and sell the same. Two or more may unite for the purpose.

30 **40.** Whenever the President and Secretary of the Board of Agriculture certify to the Minister of Agriculture, that any County Society has sent to the said Board, Reports and Statements, as required by this Act, for the year then last previous, and also certify that the Treasurer or other Officer of the said Society has, on or before the first day of

35 July, of the current year, transmitted to the said Board, an Affidavit, (which may be in the form of the Schedule E, to this Act annexed, and may be sworn to before any Justice of the Peace,) stating the amount subscribed for that year, and paid to the Treasurer of the County Society by the Members thereof, and by the several Townships Societies of such County, the Governor may issue his Warrant in favor of such County Society for a sum, to be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Receiver General, equal to three times the amount appearing by the said affidavit to be in the hands of the Treasurer;

40 **2.** But no grant shall be made unless one hundred dollars be first subscribed and paid to the Treasurer; Proviso.

45 **3.** And the whole amount granted to any such Electoral Division Society shall not exceed eight hundred dollars in any year; Grant restricted.

4 **4.** Except that each of the Counties of Lennox and Addington, Huron and Bruce, separately, shall be entitled to receive a sum not to exceed eight hundred dollars, on the condition specified in this Act. Exceptions.

50 **41.** The following Electoral Divisions, namely:—the City of Toronto, —the City of Kingston, —the City of Hamilton, —the Town of Brockville, —the Town of Niagara, —the Town of Cornwall, —the City Certain cities and towns to receive grants

of London,—and the City of Ottawa, as bounded for purposes of Representation in the Legislative Assembly,—shall each be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding *four hundred* dollars for the encouragement of Horticulture, Agriculture, Manufactures and Works of Art within their respective limits;

Proviso 2. Provided, that a sum equal to one third of the amount to be so paid by the Government, is subscribed and paid to the Treasurer of a Society to be formed within such Electoral Division, in the same manner as County Agricultural Societies under section twenty-seven of this Act, and to be called “The Society for the Upper Canada Electoral Division of _____,” or as the case may be.

Township Societies entitled to a share of grant. 42. Every Township or Branch Society organized according to the Act sixteenth Victoria, chapter eleven, or to this Act, and sending a report of its proceedings to the County Society, as hereinbefore required, shall be entitled to a share of the grant to the County Society, in proportion to the amount subscribed by the Members of such Township or Branch Society, and deposited with the Treasurer of the County Society, on or before the first day of May, in each year, as compared with the amounts so deposited by the other Township and Branch Societies of the County; and the sum so deposited by any Township or Branch Society shall be repaid, along with its share of the Public Grant, so soon as the said grant is received by the County Society;

Proviso. 2. Provided that three-fifths, and no more, of the sum so received by any County Society shall be subject to division among Township or Branch Societies; and provided that the declaration mentioned in section thirty-six shall be deemed a sufficient report for the first year in which any Township or Branch Society has been organized, and that no Township or Branch Society shall thus receive more than three times the amount so deposited by it as aforesaid;

Proviso. 3. And provided that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed as admitting any Member of a Township Society, in virtue of his subscription thereto, and without further subscription to the County Society, to any of the privileges of a Member of such County Society.

Board of Agriculture to receive and pay over grants. 43. The Board of Agriculture shall receive from Government, and pay over to the County Societies, the Public Grants to which they are respectively entitled.

Officer making false affidavits. 44. Any Treasurer or other Officer of any County, Township or Branch Society, who makes affidavit that a subscription, or any sum of money, has been paid to him for the Society, when it has not been so paid, or who returns any such subscription, shall forfeit and pay to Her Majesty the sum of forty dollars for every such offence, and shall be guilty of perjury, and be held liable to all the penalties with which the law visits that crime.

County Societies previously organized. 45. The Several County Societies organized according to the provisions of this Act, or of the said Act sixteenth Victoria, chapter eleven, or of any Act thereby repealed, shall be and continue bodies corporate, with power to acquire and hold land as a site for Fairs and Exhibitions, or for a School Farm, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same; And any Township or Branch Society, lawfully organized as aforesaid, may, at any Regular Meeting, adopt a Resolution that the said Society is desirous of being incorporated, and upon filing the said resolution with the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, such Society shall thenceforth be and become a Body Corporate, and shall have like powers with County Societies.

46. Any County or Township Society, or the Municipal Council of any County or Township of Upper Canada, may purchase and hold land for the purpose of establishing a School-Farm to instruct pupils in the science and practice of Agriculture; And any Society and any Municipal Council may purchase and hold such School-Farm conjointly, or otherwise make all necessary rules and regulations for the management thereof, provided that not more than one hundred acres of land shall be so held by any Society or Council, whether conjointly or otherwise.

Societies may hold lands for certain purposes.

47. Whenever any property, real or personal, in any one or more of the Electoral Divisions, originally belonged to the County Society of the County of which the said Electoral Division formed a part, the said property or the value thereof shall be equitably apportioned or divided by Arbitrators, or a majority of them, one to be appointed by the Directors of the Society in each such Electoral Division, and another Arbitrator to be chosen by the Arbitrators so appointed.

Division of property in certain cases:

48. The word "County" in the sections of this Act applying to Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada, means "Electoral Divisions," except where such construction is inconsistent with the express enactment in which such word is used; And the words "Electoral Division," whenever used herein, mean a Division for purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly.

Interpretation

2. And the provisions of the said sections with regard to grants and Electoral Divisions, conditions of grant, &c., &c., shall extend to any new Counties or new Electoral Divisions to be formed in Upper Canada; except that no new Electoral Division shall be entitled to more than eight hundred dollars.

Application of certain provisions.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS IN UPPER CANADA.

49. The members of the Boards of Agriculture and of the Boards of Arts and Manufactures; the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all lawfully organized County Agricultural Societies, and of all Horticultural Societies, Incorporated Mechanics' Institutes and Arts Associations, and all subscribers of one dollar annually, shall, in Upper Canada, be, and constitute an "Agricultural Association" for that section.

50. The Members of the Board of Agriculture and the Council of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of County Societies, Mechanics' Institutes, Arts Associations and Horticultural Societies (or any two members whom a County Society, Mechanics' Institute, Arts Association or Horticultural Society may appoint instead of its President and Vice President) shall be the Directors of such Agricultural Association.

51. The said Associations may each hold an annual or biennial Fair or Exhibition, which shall be open to competitors from any part of the Province.

2. The Directors shall hold a Meeting during the week of the Exhibition, and shall at such meeting elect a President and two Vice-Presidents, and shall also elect a Treasurer, who shall be paid a reasonable salary for his services; and shall appoint the place for holding the next meeting and Exhibition of the Association, and may appoint a local Committee of Management at the place where such Exhibition is appointed to be held.

3. And the said Board of Directors respectively, may make such rules and regulations, not being contrary to the laws of the Province, as may be deemed necessary to prescribe the powers and duties of such local committees, and for the proper management of such exhibitions; and for the disposition and management of their funds, property and

affairs, and the execution of the duties and powers entrusted to them by this act; and the same from time to time to repeal or alter and make others in their stead.

4. But no repeal or alteration shall be made in any rule or regulation, unless one month's notice of such proposed repeal or alteration shall have been given in any Journals that may at the time be published by the respective Boards of Agriculture and Boards of Arts and Manufactures. 5

52. The Board of Agriculture, and the President and Vice-President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and one other member of the Council of the said Board, to be elected annually by the said Council, shall be the Council of the Association, with full power to act for and on behalf of the Association between the annual meetings thereof; and all grants of money, subscriptions, or other funds made or appropriated to, or for the use of the Association, (except money collected by or granted to any local committee for the local expenses of an Exhibition,) shall be received by and expended under the direction of the said Council. 10 15

2. And the President of the Board of Agriculture, and the President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, shall be respectively *ex-officio* President and Vice-President of the Council of the Association, and the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, together with the Secretary of the Boards of Arts and Manufactures, shall be *ex-officio* joint Secretaries of the Association. 20

53. All contracts and all legal proceedings, by, with, or concerning the Association, shall be made and had with the Council of the Association in its corporate capacity, and no other contracts, agreements, actions or proceedings shall bind or affect the Association. 25

54. The Council of the Association shall have power to grant licenses to parties to sell refreshments upon the premises enclosed for the exhibition. 30

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN LOWER CANADA.

Formation of such Societies.

55. A County Agricultural Society may be organized in each Electoral Division of Lower Canada, whenever not less than forty persons have become members thereof, and have paid the sum of eighty dollars, and signed the declaration E to this Act annexed. Formation of County Societies.

56. The Counties in Lower Canada, united for representation in the Legislative Assembly, shall, for the purposes of Agriculture, be deemed separate counties, and shall enjoy all their rights and privileges. Certain counties to be separated for this Act. 35

57. Upon a memorial, from different parts of any County, signed by twenty persons,—representing to the Board of Agriculture that it is inconvenient for the signers to attend the Exhibitions of the County Society, that a sufficient number of persons are willing to subscribe the amount necessary to form a second Agricultural Society, under the provisions of this Act,—the said Board, if they are of opinion that a second County Society may be advantageously organized, may authorize the same to be organized, with the sanction and approval of the Minister of Agriculture, after such notice as he may advise, and shall prescribe the limits within which its operations shall be confined; and the first County Society shall confine its operations to the other or remaining portion of the County: 40 45

2. Forty dollars shall be paid before any separate Society is formed, Amount to be first paid. 50

and no more than one such Society, in addition to the first County Society, shall be so organized, except in the County of Gaspé.

58. The second Society, organized in any County, shall be known as the "County of Agricultural Society, number Two,"—and the instrument of organization shall be the same as required for County Societies, except that the prescribed limits of the Society's operations shall be specified therein: Name of second Society:
2. The County Society No. 2 shall be entitled to a share of the public grant in the ratio of its subscriptions to those of the rest of the County; it shall have the powers of a County Society, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act relating to County Societies in Lower Canada. Share of Grant.
3. The County Society No. 2 shall be entitled to any share of the public grant for the year in which it is formed, if such formation has taken place before the first day of May. Grant for year of formation.

59. The Agricultural Societies existing in the Counties of Vaudreuil, Bonaventure and Nicolet, on the nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall retain the limits they then had respectively, and shall be continued under their then organization: Certain Counties to retain their limits.
2. The County of Drummond shall be divided so as to form two Societies, the operation of the second of which shall extend over the Townships of Kingsey, Simpson, Durham, and the first five lots of the first four ranges, and the first two lots of all the other ranges of the Township of Wickham; County of Drummond to be divided into two Societies:
3. In the County of Gaspé four Agricultural Societies may be established instead of two, namely, one at Amherst, in the Magdalen Islands, and one at Ste. Anne des Monts, in the Municipality of Ste. Anne des Monts and Cape Chat, besides the two Agricultural Societies established and in operation in the said County, on the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, which shall retain the limits and organization they had on the nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Four Societies allowed in Gaspé.
4. The sum to which the said County of Gaspé is entitled out of the annual Legislative appropriation, shall be equally divided among all the said Agricultural Societies in the said County of Gaspé then in operation. Government grant to be equally divided.

60. The first meeting in each County shall be called by the Warden, —at the *chef-lieu*,—notice of the object, and of the time and place of meeting having been 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; Agricultural Societies may re-organize under this Act by adopting the same proceedings as required by the law to organize an Agricultural Society for the first time in any County; and in such case a statement of such organization shall be transmitted through the Warden to the Board of Agriculture. First meeting in each County to be called by the Warden.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF SUCH SOCIETIES.

61. The Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada shall be corporations with power to acquire and hold land as a site for Exhibitions or for Experimental Farms or Agricultural Schools, and to sell lease, or otherwise dispose of the same; but not more than two hundred acres shall be so held at any one time: Corporate powers.
2. Two or more County or separate Societies, with the consent of the majority of the Agricultural Societies in each District, may unite their funds, or any part thereof, for purchasing land and all requisites for an Experimental Farm, or land on which to erect buildings for Exhibitions Two or more Counties may unite to purchase an Experimental Farm.

—or for giving prizes for Agricultural produce, animals, articles of domestic Manufacture and Works of Art, or for any other purpose calculated to promote the welfare of the Province, not inconsistent with this Act.

- Objects of Societies.** **62.** The object of the said Societies shall be—to encourage improve- **5**
ment in Agriculture, Horticulture, and domestic Manufactures :
- Lecturers &c.** 1. By holding meetings for discussion, and for hearing lectures on
the theory and practice of Agriculture ;
- Periodicals.** 2. By contributing to the circulating of periodicals specially devoted
to Agriculture, published in the Province ; **10**
- Seeds, &c.** 3. By importing, or otherwise procuring, new seeds, plants, and
stock of new and valuable kinds ;
- Prize Essays.** 4. By offering prizes for essays on questions relating to Agricultural
science ;
- Premiums.** 5. And by awarding premiums for excellence in—the raising or in- **15**
troduction of stock of the best breeds,—the invention of Agricultural
Implements and Machines,—production of all kinds of vegetables,—for
superiority in any Agricultural or Horticultural production or opera-
tion,—and generally for improvements in any articles of manufacture
connected with or relating to Agriculture ; **20**
- How funds are to be expended.** 6. The funds of the Societies derived from the subscriptions of mem-
bers, or the public grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsis-
tent with this Act.
- Annual show.** **63.** The County Societies shall be required in each year to hold at
least one Annual Show for the exhibition of Agricultural produce and **25**
Farm stock, and of articles of domestic manufacture ;
- Prizes.** 2. Prizes shall be granted at the Shows for the best specimens in the
manner prescribed by the Board of Directors, and whereof notice shall
be posted in each parish and township of the County ;
- Distribution of Prizes, &c.** 3. The prizes shall be distributed in money, books on Agriculture, **30**
or papers specially devoted to Agriculture, Agricultural Implements of
an improved description, or seed grain of superior quality, on the award
of at least two Judges, appointed by the Board of Directors of the
county ; But the Judges shall not receive any of the prizes awarded, and
shall not be allowed more than two dollars for inspecting at an exhibition, **35**
nor more than twenty dollars for the inspection of growing crops.
- Judges not to receive prizes.**
- Experimental Farm or Public Granary, &c.** **64.** If the Board of Directors of any Society consider that any other
system might advantageously be substituted for that of Shows, and that
the sum allotted to each Society may be better applied either to the
establishment of an experimental Farm or an Agricultural School, or **40**
for a public Granary, or in promoting Agricultural improvements by any
other means, then the Society, through its Board of Directors, may so
apply the said sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board
of Agriculture, and its approval of the proposition obtained.
- Salary of Secretary-Treasurer** **65.** No portion of the moneys belonging to any Society shall be ap- **45**
plied to the payment of a salary or allowance ;—except, that a sum no
exceeding seven per cent. shall be allowed to the Secretary-Treasure-
on all moneys expended by the Society under this Act, in lieu of salary
and allowance for stationery and other general contingent expenses.

MEETINGS AND OFFICERS.

- Annual meetings.** **66.** The Agricultural Societies shall hold their annual meetings, in **50**
the months of January or February in each year, after notice to that
effect, given by the Secretary by advertisements, or posted up in
each parish or township within the territorial limits thereof :

2. They shall elect a President, and a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, and not more than seven Directors shall form the Board of Directors; a report of the Election, signed by the Secretary of the meeting shall be forthwith sent to the Board of Agriculture, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the election until he has paid the subscription for the current year;

3. Vacancies happening through death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Board of Directors.

67. The Directors of the Society shall, for the year next following the annual meeting, and until the election of their successors, exercise all the powers vested in the Society.

2. They shall hold their meetings, pursuant to adjournment or 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 the meeting;

3. Five of them shall be a *quorum*;

4. The Directors may, at any meeting, make, alter and repeal By-laws for the management of the Society.

68. The directors shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of management, prepare, and 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 of each premium respectively, and the name of the thing for which the same was granted, and also a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year—together with any remarks upon the Agriculture of the County, and the improvements which have been or may be made therein as the Directors are enabled to offer:

2. The report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the Society's journal to be kept for such purposes, and signed by the President, or Vice-President, as being a correct entry,—and a true copy certified by the President, Vice-President or Secretary, shall be sent to the Board of Agriculture before the first day of April following.

69. The Directors shall answer such queries, and give such information relating to Agriculture as the Minister of Agriculture or Board, may, from time to time, by circular letter or otherwise, require touching the interests of Agriculture, in the County, and generally shall act upon the recommendation of the Board.

70. The Secretary-Treasurer of every Agricultural Society shall be bound to furnish security to the said Agricultural Society of which he is the Secretary-Treasurer, to the amount of eight hundred dollars, to the satisfaction of the President and Vice-President of the Society; and it shall not be lawful for him to receive any money from the Board of Agriculture, without having first furnished a copy of such security to the Board.

PROVINCIAL AID TO SUCH SOCIETIES.

71. When the President and Secretary of the Board of Agriculture certify to the Minister of Agriculture that any Society has sent to the Board the Reports and Statements required by this Act for the year then last previous, and also certify that the Treasurer or other officer of the said Society has, on or before the first day of July in the then current year, transmitted to the said Board an affidavit (in the form of Schedule F of this Act, and sworn to before any Justice of the Peace) stating the number of members belonging to the said Society whose

subscriptions for the then current year have been paid up and are in the hands of the Treasurer, the Governor may issue his Warrant in favor of such Society for a sum to be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Receiver General equal to three times the amount appearing, by the affidavit, to be in the hands of the Treasurer; 5

Certain amount to be first subscribed. No grant shall be made unless eighty dollars be first subscribed and paid to the Treasurer; and the whole amount granted to any County Society or to the Societies of any County, if more than one be organized therein, shall not in any year be more than eight hundred dollars.

Grant to certain cities and towns. 72. The following electoral divisions namely, the City of Montreal, the City of Quebec, the City of Three Rivers and the Town of Sherbrooke as bounded for purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly, shall each be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars for the encouragement of Horticulture, Agriculture, Manufacture and works of art within their respective limits: 15.

Proviso. 2. Provided that a sum equal to one-third of the sum, to be paid by the Government, is subscribed and paid to the Treasurer of a Society to be formed within such Electoral Division, in the same manner as County Agricultural Societies, under section twenty-seven of this Act, and to be called "The Society for the Lower Canada Electoral Division of 20 ,," or as the case may be.

False affidavits. 73. Any Treasurer or other officer of a society, who makes affidavit before any person authorized by Law to administer an oath, that a subscription, or any sum of money has been paid to him for the Society, where it has not been so paid, or who returns any such subscription as a *bona fide* subscription, knowing the same not to be *bona fide*, shall be held to have committed perjury. 25

Division of County Grant. 74. The Board of Agriculture shall receive from the Government, and pay over to the Societies, the Public Money to which they are respectively entitled, and if two Societies be organized in any County and they together raise a sum exceeding eighty dollars, the Board shall divide the County Grant between them in conformity with the provisions of section fifty-two. 30

INTERPRETATION—AND MONEYS RECEIVED UNDER THE FORMER ACTS IN LOWER CANADA.

Interpretation. 75. In the sections of this Act applying to Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, the words "Electoral Division" mean a Division for purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly: 35

Application 2. Every such Electoral Division shall be deemed a County, and all the provisions thereof relating to Agriculture in Lower Canada, shall apply to such Electoral Division;

3. The sections of this Act, relative to Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, shall, as regards Grants, Counties and Electoral Divisions, conditions of Grants, &c., &c., &c., extend to any new Counties or new Electoral Divisions to be hereafter formed in Lower Canada; except that no new Electoral Division shall be entitled to more than eight hundred dollars for any year; 45

4. And the word "Subscription" in this Act, includes payment of the amount subscribed, as well as the mere act of subscription.

Arbitral - as to division of property in certain cases. 76. If there be any property, real or personal, in the hands of any one Society organized under this Act, which belonged wholly or in part to any other Society organized under former Acts or under this Act, and comprising the territory or part thereof, out of which the Society, not enjoying possession of the property, was formed, then, and in that case, the said property, or the value thereof, may be equitably 50

divided by arbitration to be arranged between the parties; and if the Society so holding such property refuses or neglects to arbitrate or divide the same, or the value thereof, or to comply with any award made upon any such arbitration, the Society aggrieved may sue at law and recover its proportion of the same, or the amount to which it is entitled by any such award in any Court of Civil Jurisdiction, and the Minister of Agriculture may order the grant of public money payable to the defaulting Society to be withheld while the default continues.

MUNICIPAL AID TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN UPPER OR LOWER CANADA.

77. The Municipalities of any Cities, Towns, Villages, Counties or Townships in this Province, may grant money or land in aid of the Agricultural Association for that section of the Province to which the Municipality belongs, or of any Agricultural or Horticultural Society duly organized under this Act, within the limits of the Municipality.

BOARDS OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

78. There shall be, and continue to be, in and for Upper Canada, a Corporation, composed as hereinafter provided, and called "The Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada."

79. There shall be, and continue to be, in and for Lower Canada, a Corporation composed as hereinafter provided, and called "The Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada."

80. Each of the said Corporations may acquire and hold real or immovable property for the purposes of the Corporation, and may sell, exchange, lease or otherwise dispose of or depart with the same from time to time; and shall have power to borrow money on the security of the same, and to mortgage or hypothecate the same, for the payment thereof; but no property shall be sold or otherwise alienated, or mortgaged or hypothecated, unless by authority of the Board granted for that purpose, at a meeting held after special notice shall have been given of the business to be transacted, and by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such meeting.

81. The said Corporations shall respectively be composed of the Minister of Agriculture for the time being (who shall be *ex officio* a member of each); the Professors and Lecturers in the various branches of physical science in the Chartered Universities, and Colleges affiliated with Universities in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, the Chief Superintendants of Education in Upper and Lower Canada respectively for the time being, *ex officio*; the principal or staff officers of the Provincial Geological Survey in that section of the Province in which they may be respectively residents; the President for the time being of, and one delegate from each of the incorporated Boards of Trade; and the President of, and delegates from each incorporated Mechanics' Institute, or any incorporated Art Association, qualified as hereinafter mentioned, in Upper and Lower Canada respectively—such delegates to be chosen annually as hereinafter provided; and the Faculty of any other institution of learning, of Collegiate rank, composed of at least five Professors or Lecturers—one of whom shall be a Professor or Lecturer upon Physical Science,—may, in the month of December in each year, elect one of such Professors or Lecturers to represent such College or Faculty upon such Board, and the President or Principal of such College or Faculty shall certify to the Board the name of the Professor or Lecturer so appointed.

Corporate power.

Of whom the said Corporations shall consist.

Ex-officio.

Delegates.

- Delegates.
from Board of
Trade. **82.** The incorporated Board of Trade in each City and Town in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, shall, at its last regular meeting in each year, elect and accredit to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper or Lower Canada, (according as its place of meeting is in Upper or Lower Canada,) one of its body as a member thereof, to serve for the year commencing on the first day of January then next. 5
- From Me-
chanics' In-
stitute. **83.** Each incorporated Mechanics' Institute in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, and each Mechanics' Branch of any other Association in Lower Canada, shall, at its last regular meeting in each year, elect and accredit to the Board of Arts or Manufactures, in Upper or Lower Canada, one delegate for every twenty members on its roll being actual working mechanics or manufacturers, and paying an annual subscription of at least one dollar each to its funds, to serve for the year commencing on the first day of January then next; 10
- From Art As-
sociations. 2. Each incorporated Art Association in Upper and Lower Canada respectively, expending not less than one half of its annual income in the promotion of the Fine or Industrial Arts in Canada, shall, at its last regular meeting in each year, elect and accredit to the Board of Arts and Manufactures, in Upper or Lower Canada, one delegate for every thirty members on its roll, who are paying an annual subscription of at least two dollars each to its funds, to serve for the year commencing on the first day of January next; 15
- Number of
delegates.
limited. 3. But no institute or Association shall be entitled to send more than fifteen delegates to either of the said Boards; and in case a vacancy occurs in the representation of any Mechanics' Institute, Board of Trade, Art Association, or Board entitled to send delegates to either of the said Boards, such Institute, Board, Association or Branch may, at its first regular meeting thereafter, elect a delegate or delegates to fill such vacancy; in case of a new Institute or Association being formed during the year, it may elect such delegates at its first regular meeting; but not more than two such Mechanics' Institutes or two Associations in any one City, Town, Village, Parish or Township Municipality, shall be affiliated to the said Board for Lower Canada, and not more than one in each such Municipality to the said Board for Upper Canada. 20 30
- Transmission
of names of
delegates, &c. **84.** The names of the delegates elected, together with the names of the Presidents of such Mechanics' Institutes, Boards of Trade and Art Associations, as aforesaid, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Secretary of the Institute, Board or Association electing them, to the Secretary of the Board to which they are elected, who shall thereupon inscribe their names, together with the names of *ex officio* or other elected members, upon the roll of the members of the said Board for the year about to commence; 35 40
- Additional in-
formation
from Mechan-
ics' Institutes. 2. With the names of the delegates when transmitted by the Secretary of a Mechanics' Institute or Art Association, there shall be transmitted a statement, under the corporate seal of such Institute or Association, and verified by the written declaration of the Secretary transmitting the same, of the names of all members on the roll of each Mechanics' Institute who are working mechanics or manufacturers, and are paying an annual subscription of at least one dollar each to the funds of such Institute, and the names of all the members on the roll of each Art Association, who are paying an annual subscription of at least two dollars each to the funds of such Association. 45 50
- And Art As-
sociations. 3. If it appears by the said Statement that any Mechanics' Institute or Art Association has elected too many delegates, then the Secretary of the Board shall abstain from recording any of the names of the delegates of such Institution or Association, and shall submit the matter to the Board at its first meeting; and the said Board may, if it see fit, adjudge that such Mechanics' Institute or Art Association shall not be 55

entitled to any delegate for the year then next ensuing, or may decide by vote or ballot which delegate or delegates shall be rejected; and in this latter case the names of the remaining delegate or delegates shall be forthwith inscribed on the roll of members; and no person shall be held to be a member of such Board during any year whose name shall not have been inscribed on such roll, or demand for such inscription made, on or before the twentieth day of January of that year.

4. The wilful making of any false statement or declaration required or authorised by this Act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. Penalty for false statements, &c.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARDS.

85. The said Boards of Art and Manufactures shall meet at the Cities of Toronto and Montreal respectively, twice in every year, that is to say, on the last Tuesday in the month of January and July, if such Tuesday be not a holiday; but if it be a holiday the meeting shall take place the next day thereafter, not being a holiday; Half-yearly meetings.

2. And the President of either of the said Boards, and in his absence from the Province, or, in the case of a vacancy in the office of President, then the Vice-President, whenever he deems it necessary or is required by any ten members thereof so to do, shall call a special meeting of the same, in the interval between any two meetings; Special meetings.

3. But no such special meeting shall take place until seven clear days after a written or printed notice signed by the Secretary of the Board, and specifying the day, hour and place of meeting, and the object or objects for which the same is called, has been mailed to the address of each member of the Board, whose name is inscribed on the roll as such member. Notice.

86. Each of the said Boards shall, at its regular meeting in January of each year, elect from among its members a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, to hold office for the ensuing year, or until the election of their successors; and shall elect a Council of not less than five nor more than nine of their number, for the management during the year of such affairs of the Board as may by any By-law be entrusted to them; President, Officers and Council.

2. The President and Vice-President shall be, *ex-officio*, members of such Council, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be, *ex-officio*, members of such Council, when elected or appointed from among the members of the Board, and not receiving any salary for their services; and a majority of the members of such Council shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; Ex-officers members. Quorum.

3. But the said Boards, or either of them, may at any time they shall see fit to do so, by By-law for that purpose, appoint some fit and proper person, whether a member of such Board or not, to be the Secretary of the said Board, at such salary and upon such terms as to the said Boards, or either of them, may seem proper, and may remove such Secretary from time to time, and may appoint another in his stead and place; and the said Boards, or either of them, may, in their discretion, require the said Secretary, so to be appointed as aforesaid, to discharge the duties of the Treasurer for the said Board, in addition to the duties pertaining to the office of Secretary; Paid Secretary.

4. In case of a vacancy occurring in any of the said offices in the course of the year, either by death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled up by election as aforesaid, at any regular meeting of the Board, or in the interval by the Council at any regular meeting thereof. Filling vacancies.

87. It shall be the duty of the said Boards of Arts and Manufactures: Duties of Board.

- Museums.** i. To take measures, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, to collect and establish, at Toronto and Montreal respectively, for the instruction of practical mechanics and artizans, Museums of Minerals and other Material substances and Chemical compositions, susceptible of being used in Arts and Manufactures, and articles manufactured in the Province, with model rooms, appropriately stocked and supplied with models of works of art, and of implements and machines other than implements of husbandry and machines adapted to facilitate agricultural operations; and also free Libraries of Reference containing Books, Plans and Drawings, selected with a view to the imparting of useful information in connection with the Arts and Manufactures; **5**
- Libraries.** 2. To take measures to obtain from other countries new or improved implements and machines; (not being implements of husbandry or machines specially adapted to facilitate agricultural operations), and to test the quality, value and usefulness of such implements and machines; **15**
- New implements and machines.** 3. And generally to adopt every means in their power to promote improvement in the Arts and Manufactures of the Province.
- General purpose.**
- Schools of Design.** **88.** The said Boards, with the consent and approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, may establish, in connection with their respective Museums, Model Rooms and Libraries, Schools of Design on the most approved plan, and furnished and supplied in the most complete and appropriate manner that the funds at their disposal will admit of, regard being had to the claims thereon of the other objects for which they are hereby established: **20**
- Models, &c. of inventions.** 2. And the Minister of Agriculture may cause duplicates or copies of models, plans, specimens, and drawings, and specifications, deposited in the Patent Office, and upon which Patents of Invention have been issued, to be made from time to time, and placed in the Model Rooms, Museums or Libraries of the Boards of Arts respectively; **25**
- Aid to schools, &c.** 3. The said Boards may also found or give aid to schools or Colleges for mechanics and artizans, and may employ competent persons to deliver lectures on subjects connected with the Arts and Sciences, or with Manufactures, in such manner and place as the said Boards may from time to time direct. **30**
- Lectures.**
- Publication of transactions, &c.** **89.** The said Boards shall keep records of their respective transactions; and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner and form as to secure the widest circulation among the Mechanics' Institutes, and among mechanics, artizans and manufacturers generally, all such Reports, Essays, Lectures and other literary compositions conveying useful information as the said Boards are respectively able to procure **35**
- By-laws.** **90.** The said Boards respectively may make and ordain such By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act or to the laws of the Province, as they may deem necessary, touching the disposition and management of their funds, property and affairs; the holding and management of exhibitions of Works of Art and Manufactures, and the execution of the duties and powers entrusted to them by this Act; and from time to time may repeal or alter the same, and make others in their stead: **45**
- Copies to be sent to the Bureau.** 2. Copies of all By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, and of the minutes of the proceedings of the said Boards, shall be transmitted forthwith after they are respectively made, to the Bureau of Agriculture **50**
- Certain Institutions to be under the supervision of the Board.** **91.** All Mechanics' Institutes, Mechanics' branches of other Associations, and Art Associations receiving grants of money from the Government, shall be placed under the general supervision of the Boards of **55**

Arts and Manufactures for Upper and Lower Canada respectively, in like manner as the County Agricultural Societies are placed under the supervision of the Boards of Agriculture; and the said Boards shall receive from the Government, and pay over to the respective Mechanics' Institutes, Mechanics' Branches of other Associations and Art Associations any grant of money to which they may be entitled:

2. And it shall be lawful for each Board to retain, for the use of its periodical Exhibitions, one-tenth part of all such grants; and no Mechanic's Institute or Art Association in Upper or Lower Canada shall be entitled to receive any grant of money from the Government, unless such Institute or Association has become incorporated under the general *Act respecting Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes*, chapter seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, or by a special Act of incorporation, nor unless such Institute or Association shall have transmitted to the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures for Upper or Lower Canada, a properly certified copy of its Annual Report for the past year;

Per centage of money granted to such Institutions to be retained by Board.

3. And it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Arts and Manufactures to send Agents to visit each incorporated Mechanic's 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.

92. 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.

93. 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 expenditure of moneys granted to such Boards for these purposes, as such

Union of Institutes.

Boards or either of them, may from time to time determine, by By-laws or resolutions in that behalf.

94. 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.

The Boards of Arts 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.

95. This Act shall be known and may be called as "*The Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures.*"

REPEALING CLAUSE.

96. Chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intitled: *An Act respecting the Bureau of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies*, is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE A.

The Agricultural Districts in Upper Canada shall consist of the following Counties respectively:

- No. 1. Essex, Kent, Lambton and Elgin.
- " 2. Middlesex, Perth and Huron.
- " 3. Oxford, Waterloo, Brant and Norfolk.
- " 4. Haldimand, Lincoln, Wentworth and Welland.
- " 5. Wellington, Halton and Peel.
- " 6. Bruce, Grey and Simcoe.
- " 7. York and Ontario.
- " 8. Durham, Northumberland, Victoria and Peterboro'.
- " 9. Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington.
- " 10. Frontenac, Renfrew, Lanark and Leeds.
- " 11. Carlton, Grenville and Dundas.
- " 12. Stormont, Russell, Prescott and Glengary.

SCHEDULE B.

The Agricultural Districts in Lower Canada shall consist of the following Counties respectively:

- 1st. Saguenay, Chicoutimi and Charlevoix.
- 2nd. Montmorency, Quebec, Portneuf and City of Quebec.
- 3rd. St. Maurice, Maskinongé, Berthier, Joliette, Montcalm, Champlain and of City Three Rivers;
- 4th. Terrebonne, Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier, Laval, L'Assomption, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Two-Mountains and City of Montreal;
- 5th. Argenteuil, Ottawa and Pontiac;
- 6th. Huntingdon, Beauharnois, Laprairie, Napierville, St. Johns, Iberville and Chambly;
- 7th. Verchères, Rouville, Richelieu, St. Hyacinthe and Bagot;
- 8th. Yamaska, Nicolet, Drummond, Arthabaska, Richmond and Wolfe;
- 9th. Brome, Stanstead, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Compton and Missisquoi;
- 10th. Levis, Dorchester, Beauce, Bellechasse, Megantic and Lotbinière;

- 11th. Montmagny, L'Islet, Kamouraska and Temiscouata;
- 12th. Rimouski, Gaspé and Bonaventure.

SCHEDULE C.

We, whose names are subscribed hereto, agree to form ourselves into a Society, under the provisions of the Act, &c., (*here insert the title of this Act*), to be called the (County, Electoral Division, Township or Branch, *as the case may be,*) Agricultural Society of the County or Electoral Division) of (or Township of); and we hereby severally agree to pay to the Treasurer yearly, while we continue Members of the Society, (any Member being at liberty to retire therefrom, upon giving notice in writing to the Secretary, at any time before the annual meeting, of his wish so to do,) the sums opposite our respective names; and we further agree to conform to the Rules and By-laws of the said Society.

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SCHEDULE D.

COUNTY OF }
TO WIT: }

I, A. B., of the (Township) of Treasurer of the County Agricultural Society of , make oath and say that the sum of has been paid into my hands, since the first day of February last, by the Township Agricultural Societies of the said County, as and for the Members subscription for this year; and that the sum 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 , now remain in my hands, ready to be disposed of, according to law.

Sworn to before me this } A. B.
day of A. D. 18 . }
C. D.
Justice of the Peace for the
County of

SCHEDULE E.

We, whose names are subscribed hereto, agree to form ourselves into a Society, under the provisions of the Act, &c., (*here insert the title of this Act,*) to be called the County (*name of County*) Agricultural Society, (*or if there be a Society already organized under this Act in the said County, add the words "number two," "three" or "four," as the case may be, and state the part or section of the County to which its operations are intended to be confined.*)

And we hereby severally agree to pay to the Treasurer, yearly, while we continue Members of the Society, the sum set opposite our respective names; And we agree to give written notice to the Secretary whenever we wish to withdraw from the Society: And we further agree to conform to the Rules and By-laws of the said Society.

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SCHEDULE F.

County of

I, A. B., of the County of _____, Treasurer (or other officer) the County of _____ Agricultural Society (number two, three, or four, as the case may be,) make oath and say, that there are forty (as the case may be) Members belonging to the said Society who have paid their subscriptions for the present year; and that there is now in my hands the sum of \$ _____ being the produce of such subscriptions, ready to be disposed of according to Law.

Sworn to before me this
day of

A. D. 18 . . }

A. B.

C. D.

Justice of the Peace.