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BILL.

Act to amend Cap. 32 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, and otherwise to provide for the encouragement of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures in Lower Canada.

[No. 67 of 1865—1st Session.]

Mr. PERRAULT.

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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 in Lower Canada.

**H**ER 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, the Board of Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, and Boards of Arts and Manufactures, lawfully organized, 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.

**BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.**

**2.** The Board of Agriculture shall be composed of ten elected members, of the Superintendent of Education, *ex-officio*, and of a professor, who shall have a right of discussion but no vote, for each school or college in which a course of agricultural instruction is given, and which, on the strength of such instruction, receives a grant from the public moneys of the Province. Composition of Board of Agriculture.

**3.** Of the ten members elected, five shall retire annually, each seat being vacated every alternate year; but retiring members may be re-elected and shall continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected. Vacation of seats.

**4.** Lower Canada shall be divided into twenty agricultural districts, having the same boundaries as the twenty judicial districts, which shall form ten electoral colleges, designated in Schedule A to this Act annexed, each electoral college comprising the societies designated in the schedule. Lower Canada divided into Agricultural districts.

**5.** The Agricultural Societies in each Electoral College shall, at their annual meeting, elect one person to represent it at the Board of Agriculture, by a majority of the votes of the Agricultural Societies in each Electoral College. Societies to appoint Members of Boards.

**2.** 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. And report names to Minister of Agriculture.

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

**4.** Vacancies through death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Minister of Agriculture, on the recommendation of the Board of Agriculture. Casual vacancies.

- When first election shall take place. **6.** The first election shall take place at the annual meeting in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in each of the Electoral Colleges designated by odd numbers in Schedule A of this Act, and the persons so elected shall replace the four retiring members; the other five Colleges shall each elect a member at the annual meetings in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to replace the remaining four members, whose term of service will then expire. 5
- Second elections.
- Members to act gratuitously. **7.** The Board 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 it 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. 10
- Secretary and Treasurer may be paid.

## MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARDS.

- Regular meetings of the Board. **8.** The regular meetings of the Board 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. 15
- Election of President. **2.** The members of the Board of Agriculture shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President, at their first meeting after each annual election; 20
- Chairman *pro tem*. **3.** In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Board may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*;
- Quorum. **4.** Five members of the Board shall be a quorum.
- Duty of Board. **9.** It shall be the duty of the Board: 25
- To receive Reports. **1.** To receive the Reports of Agricultural Societies, and before granting the certificates hereinafter mentioned, to see that they are in accordance with the law;
- Experimental Farms. **2.** To procure and set in operation, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, experimental farms in connection with some public school, college or university, or otherwise, and to retain the management thereof; 30
- Agricultural Museum. **3.** To establish at Montreal an Agricultural and Horticultural Museum and Library;
- Importation of improved breeds of animals. **4.** To take measures to obtain from other countries, reproductive animals of improved breeds, new varieties of seeds, improved implements of husbandry, or machines which may appear adapted to facilitate agricultural operations, and to test the superiority of such animals, seeds, implements and machines; 35
- Veterinary Surgeons. Boards may grant certificates. **5.** The Board 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. 40

**10.** The Board shall keep a record of its transactions and proceedings, 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 as the Board may consider useful to the public:

Records of their transactions, &c.

**2.** The Board shall publish a Journal, or adopt as its channel of communication with Agricultural Societies, the Agricultural Journals now published in Lower Canada. It shall be the duty of Agricultural Societies receiving a part of the public grant, to give at least one month's notice of the time and place of their exhibitions in the journals so published or adopted by the Board.

Board to publish a Journal of Agriculture.

**11.** The Board shall forthwith transmit to the Bureau of Agriculture a copy of its proceedings, and at the commencement of each year, a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements made up to the thirty-first December of the previous year, together with a general summary of the progress made.

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

**12.** The Board shall continue to be a body corporate, and may acquire and hold land and real and personal property for the purposes of its incorporation, and may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same.

Board to continue to be body Corporate.

**13.** The Board shall hold exhibitions, open to competitors from the whole Province, at Quebec and Montreal alternately; provided those places provide the necessary permanent buildings:

Exhibitions.

**2.** The Board of Agriculture shall hold its exhibitions in conjunction with the Board of Arts and Manufactures, or otherwise, and shall appoint a local committee and define the powers thereof.

Local Committees.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILS.

**14.** A District Council may be organized in each of the agricultural Districts of Lower Canada; such Councils shall be composed of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the Agricultural Societies within the district:

Their organization.

**2.** The representatives of each District in the Board of Agriculture shall be *ex-officio* President of the District Council. The Council may, in his absence appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*. It shall also appoint a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer after each annual election.

President.

**15.** The regular meetings of the Council 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 two members; and at least five days' notice of such meeting shall be given to each member; five members shall be a quorum.

Meetings.

**16.** It shall be the duty of the District Councils:

Duties of District Councils

**1.** To set in operation, with the approbation of the Board of Agriculture, District Schools in connection with some college, or otherwise, and to retain the management thereof;

**2.** To import reproductive animals of improved breeds, new varieties of seeds and improved implements of husbandry, and to ascertain their utility by experiment and district competition;

3. To allot Prizes for the raising or introduction of choice animals, the invention or improvement of implements of husbandry, the most rational cultivation of farms, and generally all matters which are not incompatible with the provisions of this Act.

Record of transactions.

17. The District Councils shall keep a Record of their transactions and proceedings, and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner as to secure the widest circulation among farmers, all Reports, Essays, Lectures and other information as the Councils may consider useful to the public: They shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Agriculture a copy of their proceedings, and at the commencement of each year a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements made up to the thirty-first December of the previous year, together with a general summary of the progress made.

Boards to be bodies corporate.

18. The District Councils shall 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.

Payments to District Councils.

19. The District Councils may levy from each Agricultural Society contained within their district, an amount not exceeding one-third of the annual grant award by law to such society, and the Board of Agriculture may allow to each district certain premiums for the furtherance of the special objects of their incorporation.

#### COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Formation of County Societies.

20. A County Agricultural Society may be organized in each Electoral Division of Lower Canada, whenever forty persons have paid the sum of eighty dollars, and signed the declaration B, to this Act annexed.

Certain counties to be separated for this Act.

2. 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.

Second county Societies.

21. Upon a memorial from different parts of any County, signed by forty persons,—representing to the Board of Agriculture that it is inconvenient for the signers to attend the exhibitions of the County Society, on account of distance, 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 in such case the first County Society shall confine its operations to the other or remaining portion of the County: The Board of Agriculture may, for sufficient reasons, suppress such second society, or alter its limits:

Amount to be first paid.

2. Eighty dollars shall be paid before any separate Society is formed, and no more than one such Society, in addition to the first County Society, shall be so organized, except in the County of Gaspé.

Name of second Society.

22. The second Society, organized in any County, shall be known as the "County 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 :

2. The County Society No. Two, shall be entitled to a share of the public grant, in the ratio of its subscription 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 :

3. The County Society No. Two, shall be entitled to a 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.

23. In the County of Gaspé four Agricultural Societies may be established, 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 first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five :

2. 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.

24. 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 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 a case, a statement of such organization shall be transmitted through the Warden, to the Bureau of Agriculture.

#### OBJECTS AND POWERS OF SUCH SOCIETIES.

25. The Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, shall be corporations, with power to acquire and hold land as a site for exhibitions, or Experimental Farms or Agricultural Schools, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same; but not more than two hundred acres shall be held at any one time :

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,—or for giving prizes for agricultural produce, animals, articles of domestic manufacture, or for any other purpose calculated to promote the welfare of the Province, not inconsistent with this Act.

26. The object of the said Societies shall be—to encourage improvement in Agriculture, Horticulture, and domestic Manufactures :

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;
- Seeds, &c.** 2. By importing or otherwise procuring, new seeds, plants, and reproductive stock of valuable kinds;
- Prizes Essays.** 4. By offering prizes for essays on questions relating to agricultural science;
- Premiums.** 5. By awarding premiums for excellence in—the raising or introduction of stock of the Canadian breed,—the invention and perfecting of Agricultural implements and machines—the production of all kinds of vegetables,—for superiority in any Agricultural or Horticultural production or operation,—and generally for improvements in any articles of domestic manufacture;
- How funds are to be expended.** 6. The funds of the Societies derived from the subscriptions of members, or the public grant, shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with this Act. 15
- Annual show.** 27. The Societies shall be required to hold an Annual Show for the exhibition of Agricultural produce and Farm stock, Agricultural implements, 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, or papers specially devoted to Agriculture, Agricultural Implements or an improved description, or seed grain of superior quality, or reproductive stock of valuable kinds, 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; nor more than twenty dollars for the inspection of growing crops. 30
- Judges not to receive prizes**
- Experimental Farm or Public Granary, &c.** 28. 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 for a public Granary, or in promoting Agricultural improvements by any other means, then the Society, through the Board of Directors, may so apply the same sum, provided notice thereof has been given to the Board of Agriculture, and its approval of the proposition obtained. 35
- Salary of Secretary-Treasurer.** 29. No portion of the moneys belonging to any Society shall be applied to the payment of a salary or allowance;—except that a sum not exceeding seven per cent. may be allowed to the Secretary-Treasurer on all moneys expended by the Society, under this Act, in lieu of salary and allowances for stationery, and other general contingent expenses. 45

## MEETINGS AND OFFICERS.

- Annual meetings.** 30. The Agricultural Societies shall hold their annual meetings in the month of December in each year, after notice to that effect given by the Secretary by advertisement posted up in each parish or township within the territorial limits of each county:



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

Election of officers.

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

Vacancies.

31. 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:

Directors to exercise powers of Society.

2. They shall hold their meetings pursuant to adjournment or notice to each by letter, 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;

Meetings.

3. Five of them shall be a quorum;

Quorum.

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

By-laws.

32. 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 such 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;

Reports of proceedings.

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 copy certified by the President, Vice-President or Secretary, for the time being, shall be sent to the Board of Agriculture before the first day of February following.

Report to be entered in journal.

33. The Directors shall answer such queries, and give such information as the Minister or Board of Agriculture 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.

Directors to give information.

34. The Secretary-Treasurer of every Agricultural Society shall be bound to furnish security to the 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.

Security by Secretary-Treasurer.

## PROVINCIAL AID TO SUCH SOCIETIES.

Amount of Provincial aid, and conditions on which it is granted.

**35.** 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 C 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 :

Certain amount to be first subscribed.

2. No grant shall be made unless eighty dollars be first subscribed and paid to the Treasurer ; and the whole amount granted to any Society shall not in any year be more than eight hundred dollars ; and any balance of such sum remaining unclaimed in consequence of insufficient subscription, or any other reason, shall be placed to the credit of the Board of Agriculture.

False affidavits.

**36.** 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, when it not been so paid, or who returns any such subscription as a *bona fide* subscription, knowing the same to be a *bona fide*, shall be held to have committed a perjury.

Division of County grant.

**37.** 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 twenty-two ; but the Board may retain, for the purposes of its incorporation, one-tenth part of all such grants.

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

Interpretation.

**38.** 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.

Application.

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

Counties hereinafter formed.

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

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

39. 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 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.

Arbitration as to division of property in certain cases.

40. The Municipalities of any Cities, Towns, Villages, Counties, or Townships may grant money or land in aid of the Board of Agriculture, the District Council, or the Agricultural Society duly organized within the limits of the Municipality, for the purposes of this Act.

Municipalities may make grants.

41. Throughout this Act the word "Agriculture" includes not only the exploitation of cultivated lands, but also the improvement of wild land.

Interpretation

## BOARDS OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

42. The Board of Arts and Manufactures shall be composed of the Minister of Agriculture, the Superintendent of Education, and twelve members elected by the institutes in incorporated towns.

Composition of Board.

43. Each institute, at its first meeting, in the month of January in each year, shall elect and accredit to the Board of Arts and Manufactures one representative for every number of not less than one hundred members paying an annual subscription of one dollar, which shall be upon their roll.

Members from Institutes.

44. A statement, verified upon oath, of the names contained in the roll of each institute for the ensuing year, shall be transmitted to the Minister of Agriculture, before the month of January in each year. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Agriculture to divide the institutes into Electoral Colleges, taking as the basis of such division the total number of members of all the institutes in Lower Canada, divided by twelve; if it should appear, after the institutes have been notified of such division, that too great a number of members have been elected, the Minister of Agriculture may decide which members shall retire.

Institutes to be formed into Electoral Colleges.

45. The regular meetings of the Board of Arts and Manufactures 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 any five members; and at least five days' notice of such meetings shall be given to each member.

Meetings.

46. The members of the Board shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President; or in their absence, a Chairman *pro tempore*; seven members of the Board shall be a quorum.

Appointment of Presidents.

- Vacancies.**      **47.** All vacancies which may occur by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Minister of Agriculture, upon the recommendation of the Board of Arts and Manufactures.
- Indemnity to Members.**      **48.** The Board shall not pay or allow to its members any sum of money for acting as such, except the amount of their actual necessary expenses in attending the regular meetings of the Board.      5
- Secretary-Treasurer.**      **2.** But the Board may appoint a Secretary-Treasurer from among its members or otherwise, and may pay him a reasonable salary for his services.
- Board to be a body corporate.**      **49.** The Board of Arts and Manufactures shall be a body corporate, with power to acquire and hold land and real and personal estate for the purposes of its incorporation.      10
- Duties of Board.**      **50.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Arts and Manufactures :
- Museums.**      **1.** To take measures, with the approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, to collect and establish, at Montreal, 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; 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, containing Books of Reference, Plans and Drawings, selected with a view to the imparting of useful information in connection with Mechanical Arts and Manufactures;      15
- 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;      20
- 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.      25
- General purpose.**      **51.** The said Boards, with the consent and approbation of the Minister of Agriculture, may establish, in connection with the respective Museums, Model Rooms and Libraries, Schools of Design for females, 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.      30
- Schools of design.**      **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 and Manufactures;      35
- Models, &c., of invention.**      **3.** The Board may also found 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.      40
- Aid to schools, &c.**      **52.** The Board shall keep records of its transactions and proceedings; and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner and form as to secure the widest circulation among the Mechanics' Institutes, and      45
- Lectures.**      **52.** The Board shall keep records of its transactions and proceedings; and shall, from time to time, publish, in such manner and form as to secure the widest circulation among the Mechanics' Institutes, and
- Publication of transactions, &c.**      **52.** The Board shall keep records of its transactions and proceedings; 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, artisans and manufacturers generally, all such Reports, Essays, Lectures and other literary compositions, conveying useful information, as the Board shall think it expedient to publish.

**53.** The Boards of Arts and Manufactures may make and ordain such **By-laws.** 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, and the execution of the duties and powers intrusted to them by this Act; and from time to time, may repeal or alter the same, and make others in their stead:

2. Copies of such By-laws, and of the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, shall be transmitted forthwith after they are respectively made, to the Bureau of Agriculture. **Copies to be sent to the Bureau.**

**54.** The word "institute" shall include every association, established in an incorporated town, which has for its object the promotion of the Arts and Manufactures of the Province. **Interpretation.**

**SCHEDULE B.**

We, whose names are subscribed hereto, agree to form ourselves into a Society, under the provisions of the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures, 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.

NAMES.	\$	cts.

**SCHEDULE C.**

County of \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 To wit: \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 I, A. B., of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer (or other officer) of  
 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. B.  
 A. D., 18 \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 C. D., \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 Justice of the Peace.

SCHEDULE H.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTORAL COLLEGES IN LOWER CANADA.

<i>Electoral Colleges.</i>	<i>Agricultural Districts.</i>	<i>Sociétés comprised in each district.</i>
First..... 105,000	Montreal..... 11	Hochelaga—Montreal—Jacques-Cartier—Laval—Vaudreuil, No. 1—Vaudreuil, No. 2—Soulanges—Laprairie—Chambly—Verchères, No. 1—Verchères, No. 2.
Second..... 100,000	Quebec..... 8	Quebec City—Quebec Co.—Montmorency—Portauif—Lévis—Lothbinière, No. 1—Lothbinière, No. 2.
Third..... 100,000	Three Rivers..... 7	St. Maurice—Three Rivers—Champlain, No. 1—Champlain, No. 2—Maskinongé—Nicolet, No. 1—Nicolet, No. 2.
Fourth..... 108,000	Arthabaska..... 5	Arthabaska—Mégantic, No. 1—Mégantic, No. 2—Drummond, No. 1—Drummond, No. 2.
Fifth..... 91,000	Richelieu..... 3	Richelieu—Yamaska—Berthier.
Sixth..... 81,000	Joliette..... 3	Joliette—Montcalm—L'Assomption.
Seventh..... 97,000	Ottawa..... 3	Ottawa, No. 1—Ottawa, No. 2—Pontiac.
Eighth..... 95,000	Terrebonne..... 3	Argenteuil—Two Mountains—Terrebonne.
Ninth..... 80,000	Kamouraska..... 2	Kamouraska—Témiscouata.
Tenth..... 80,000	Montmagny..... 3	Montmagny—L'Islet—Bellevue.
	Iberville..... 3	St. Johns—Napierville—Iberville.
	Beauharnois..... 3	Beauharnois—Huntingdon—Chateauguay.
	St. Hyacinthe..... 3	St. Hyacinthe—Bagot—Rouville.
	Bedford..... 3	Shefford—Missisquoi—Brome.
	St. François..... 5	Sherbrooke—Richmond—Wolfe—Compton—Stanstead.
	Beauce..... 3	Beauce—Dorchester, No. 1—Dorchester, No. 2.
	Rimouski..... 1	Rimouski.
	Gaspé..... 4	Gaspé, No. 1—Gaspé, No. 2—Bonaventure, No. 1—Bonaventure, No. 2.
	Saguenay..... 2	Charlevoix, No. 1—Charlevoix, No. 2.
	Chicoutimi..... 2	Saguenay—Chicoutimi.