

Agricultural Association. It is his duty to institute inquiries and collect useful statistics respecting agricultural, mechanical, and manufacturing interests, and publish and disseminate them in the manner best adapted to promote improvement and immigration. He is to establish a free museum and library in connection with the bureau. The Agricultural Association and societies, municipal councils, mechanics' institutes, public institutions and public officers are bound to answer communications from, and make diligent enquiry to supply information to the bureau, under a penalty of \$40. The commissioner may appoint an inspector to inspect the books and accounts of the agricultural societies, or others receiving aid through the Bureau. The Council, the Presidents and V. P's. of all Ag. Societies, Horticultural Societies and Mechanics' Institutes, and subscribers of \$1 per annum constitute the Association. Subscription of \$10 constitutes a person a life member. The Council and the ex-Presidents of the Association, and the Presidents and V. P's. of County Societies, Mechanics, Institutes, Arts Associations, and Horticultural Societies (or two members for each elected in place of the President and V. P.) are Directors. The Com'r, Prof's. of Ag., the Chief Supt. of Education, the President of the Fruit Growers Association, and of the Association of Mechanics' Institutes, together with 12 elective members form the council which acts on behalf of the association between its annual meetings, receives its moneys, and orders all its expenditures. All contracts are to be made with it. The province is divided into 12 districts, as follows:—1. Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, and Cornwall. 2. Lanark, Renfrew, Ottawa (city), Carleton, and Russell. 3. Frontenac, Kingston, Leeds, Grenville, and Brockville. 4. Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox, and Addington. 5. Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough, and Victoria. 6. York, Ontario, Peel, Cardwell, and Toronto. 7. Wellington, Waterloo, Wentworth, Halton, and Hamilton. 8. Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Monck, and Niagara. 9. Elgin, Brant, Oxford, and Norfolk. 10. Huron, Bruce, Grey, Algoma, and Simcoe. 11. Perth, Middlesex, and London. 12. Essex, Kent, Bothwell, and Lambton. The societies in each district, at their annual meetings, shall elect a person to represent them in the council. In case of equality of votes, the commissioner has the casting vote, and vacancies are filled by him. The first election to take place at the annual meeting, in 1869, and the 12 then elected replace all the present elective members of council. The members representing 1, 2, 3 and 4, retire in 1870, and others are elected in their stead; in 1871, 5, 6, 7 and 8; in 1872, 9, 10, 11 and 12, and so to continue, 4 retiring every year after serving 3 years. The members of council are to serve gratuitously, except allowance for actual expenses. A paid secretary is to be appointed, and the auditors may be remunerated. The first meeting of the council is to be called in February, when a president, vice-president, and treasurer are to be elected. They are to hold an annual fair, open to the Dominion, and to foreign countries, if they see fit; to procure, and set in operation, a model farm; to obtain improved breeds of animals, and varieties of grain, vegetables, &c., and new implements, and to test them, and adopt any other means for the improvement of agriculture. They may also establish a veterinary school. They are to keep a record of their proceedings, and may publish reports, essays, &c. The councils a body corporate, may hold real estate, &c., and the property of the old board and association is vested in them. The directors meet annually, and elect auditors who examine and report on the accounts of the treasurer, and furnish their report to the Comr., and to the affiliated societies, institutes, &c. They also fix the place for the next exhibition, and may make rules and regulations for its management, and appoint a local committee at such place. Mechanics' Institutes are allowed to join in forming a provincial association, by votes of their directors, to be known as the Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario, and which, when it has deposited a copy of its constitution and by-laws with the Comr. becomes a body corporate. It meets annually at the same time and place as the Agricultural Association, each associated institute to be represented by its president and vice-p. and two elected officers. Any institute having evening classes or a library of books on mechanics, engineering, chemical and other manufactures is to receive a grant of not more than \$200 per annum, but not greater than the sum specifically appropriated for these purposes by such institute out of its own revenues. Five per cent of such grants are to be paid over to the association. A report is to be annually made to the Comr. The formation of horticultural societies is also authorized in each city or town of not less than 2,000 inhabitants by 50 subscribers of \$1 each. It ranks as a township agricultural society in participation in grants to county societies and reporting to them. A Fruit Grower's Association for the Province is also authorized, to be a body corporate and receive a grant of not more than \$350. It is to hold a meeting at the same time as the Ag. association. An agricultural society may be formed by 50 persons paying \$1 per annum in each electoral division represented in parliament, the two divisions of Toronto to form one. Annual meetings are to be called by the member of the legislature in the third week of January. They elect a president, vice-p., secretary and treasurer, two auditors, and not more than nine directors. The directors must report annually their proceedings, the names of all members and their subscriptions, the amount awarded in prizes, and for what, with such remarks and suggestions as they deem useful, and a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements, showing separately the expense of management. Report to be sent in to the bureau before the 1st March. They receive reports of township and horticultural societies and transmit them. Fifty persons paying \$1 may form a society in any township or more than one united. They must hold their meetings in the second week in January, officers the same as a county society. The directors of the county society decide where the annual exhibition is to be held. Any two counties or townships may join for the purpose of exhibition, &c., and erect buildings for such shows, and acquire and hold sufficient land. No separate township show shall be held in the same township where the county show is held in any year, but the funds of the township shall merge in those of the county, and members of the township become thereby members of the county society. Any county society having regularly reported for the previous year, who sends in an affidavit and returns before the 1st July, showing that the county and township and horticultural societies have raised not less than \$100, shall receive three times as much from the Provincial Treasurer up to \$700. Toronto may receive \$550, Kingston, Hamilton, Brockville, Niagara, Cornwall, London and Ottawa \$350 each, when Toronto subscribes two-thirds and each of the others one-third as much to a society within its limits for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, manufacture, and works of art. Three-fifths of the grant to the county society may be divided among the township and horticultural societies within such county, but no society can receive more than three times the amount of its own subscriptions or one-fifth of the whole county grant. The claim for grant is to be supported by the affidavit of the treasurer as to the subscriptions to the society. Any person who has paid his subscription for the next year before the 1st January, may vote at the annual meetings. The L-Governor issues his warrant for the whole amount of grant to the Comr. who distributes it. County societies are bodies corporate and a township society may become so by declaring its desire and filing the declaration with the bureau. They may buy and hold land for shows, &c., and separately or co-jointly with the municipal authority may purchase and maintain a