

Existing Societies are continued. Each Society is a corporation, with power to hold land for exhibition grounds, school site, or model farm, not exceeding 200 acres. Upon a memorial of 20 persons, alleging that it is inconvenient for the whole County to attend at one place, and that subscribers are ready to form another Society, the Council may authorize its formation, and prescribe its territorial limits, but not more than two can be formed in a County, except in Gaspé, which may have four. Societies in a County share the grant in proportion to their own subscriptions. To draw its share of the grant, for any year, a Society must be formed before the 1st May. Two such Societies may re-unite by leave of Council. Two or more Societies, for separate Counties, may unite, for exhibition purposes, or a model farm, with approval of the Comr. The County Societies in any judicial district, may unite and form a District Society (setting apart, at least, \$100 each for its use) which will become a corporate body. The Board consists of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the County Societies. Such Societies to report election of officers forthwith; in May, the amount of money at their disposal; in December, their operations for the year. Agricultural Societies are "to promote improvement in agriculture, horticulture, silviculture, mechanics, manufacturing and domestic industry, and works of art," by holding meetings for discussions, &c., promoting the circulation of agricultural papers, and the other usual methods. The County Societies must hold exhibitions once in two years. Competitions respecting the cultivation of farms are to be arranged according to by-laws of the Council. It also fixes the number, qualifications and pay of judges. They shall not receive more than \$2 each for services at an exhibition of cattle, or \$16 each for examination of crops. Judges shall receive no prizes they award. No one else is to receive any fee or salary for services, except the Secretary-Treasurer, who may receive not more than 7 p. c. of money expended. The annual meetings of these Societies shall be held in December in each year, and be called, where no Society is yet organized, by the Warden; where there is, by the President, notice being given by posting it at the church doors, or other public places, at least 5 days before the meeting. The Society then elects a President, V. P. and Sec.-Treas., and not more than 7 directors, unless there are more townships, then the same number as there are townships. Any Mechanics' Institute in a County, paying \$10 to the funds, may elect an additional Director. The Board of Directors exercise the powers of the Society for the year, and may make by-laws not inconsistent with the law or the by-laws of the Council. The quorum is 7. Special meetings may be called, with one week's notice. Board submits, at the next annual meeting, a full statement of the proceedings, receipts and expenditure of the year, a copy of which is forwarded to the Comr. on or before the 1st April, after approval by the Society and entry in its journals. A statement of the proposed operations of the Society must also be forwarded to him on or before the 1st June. When approved by him they must adhere to such scheme, and obey all rules laid down by the Comr. not inconsistent with the by-laws of Council. They must also furnish such information as the Council or Comr may require. The President may call special meetings on requisition of 10 members. The Secretary-Treasurer must give security for \$800. The Comr. decides contested elections and disputes between Societies. The annual grant is thrice the subscriptions raised, the maximum for a County being \$800, the minimum subscription entitling to a grant, being \$80, by at least 40 members. Grant payable so soon as statements, and reports, and affidavits of subscriptions are furnished to the Comr. If two Societies in a County raise over \$80 the grant is divided between them: 18 per cent. of the grants may, however, be retained, 10 for the work of the Council and 8 for instruction. With the consent of the County Society or Societies, the County Municipal Council may constitute itself the Agricultural Society, if all the Township Councils have approved and passed resolutions to raise among them \$260 for agricultural purposes. The Warden becomes the President, the Secretary-Treasurer fills the same office in the Society, the members of Council are Directors, and all rate-payers members. Officers must keep separate books respecting their agricultural work. When limits of a County are changed, property of Societies is to be divided by arbitration. Unexpended moneys of old Societies are to be handed over to new under this Act. If divided into two, such balance to be divided according to population. Municipalities may make grants of money to any Agricultural or Horticultural Society or Mechanics' Institute within its limits. Twenty-five persons may form a Horticultural Society in any city, town, village, parish, township, or union of them, by subscribing \$40 and signing a declaration. After announcement in *Official Gazette* it forms a corporation. It has similar powers and duties respecting Horticulture to those of an Agricultural Society. Its annual meetings are in February, when not less than 3, nor more than 9, directors are elected.

BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

The Board of Arts and Manufactures is continued on the former basis. Mechanics' Institutes send a delegate for every 20 members exercising their calling as manufacturers or mechanics, paying \$1 subscription to a fund for two or more of these objects,—a library, reading-room, museum, or course of lectures upon scientific subjects, or schools, where Design, Mathematics, Physics, History, (qv. Natural History,) and Civil Engineering, or more than one such subject is taught. Art Societies send one delegate for every 20 members paying \$4 towards a fund for the encouragement of the Fine Arts. Each Board of Trade sends one delegate, all to be elected at the last regular meeting in the year. The M. P. I., the C. of A., the Superintendent and principal officers of the Geological Survey are, *ex officio*, members, as are the Professors of Physical Science in chartered Universities. Every College, with 5 Professors, may elect one of them a delegate. Its duty is to promote improvement in the mechanical arts and manufactures in the Province. It is to report hereafter both to the C. of A. and M. P. I.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The provisions respecting public works are, in most respects, the same as those of the Dominion Act, 31st Vic., cap. 12—(See *Year Book* for 1869.) Power is given to the Comr. to take land, &c., for colonization roads, as well as other public works. When built they may be handed over to the Municipality interested, to be kept in repair, and the Comr. may make *proes verbal* if Municipality does not. The land taken vests in the Government. No servitude for fences, ditches, &c., can be enforced against the Comr. so long as he holds such land. Tolls may be levied on such roads. The Comr. may refer claims against the Depart-