

quired rights of the owners of timber limits for three years after such sales. All lands sold in future for ordinary agricultural purposes will be subject to the condition, inserted in the letters patent when they are issued, that if phosphates be found and worked on them a sufficient further sum will be paid to raise the price to \$2 per acre as well as the royalty on phosphate moved, as above. Phosphate lots on which improvements may have been made with a view to settlement or to which a claim may exist, may be sold by private sale instead of auction, the price not to be less than \$3 and terms cash. Sales may be made in the same way to those who have explored or made excavations upon such lots under license from the C. C. L. These licenses issue for 3 mos. for one lot of 200 acres, alternating with four contiguous lots reserved for sale by the Government, the fee therefor \$10. They give the licensee a right of preemption during that time. When a phosphate lot is sold subject to a royalty, the working must be begun within 1 yr. and continued, or a rent of \$5 per an. paid. The persons claiming in unsurveyed districts must send in a plan of survey, according to this Act and departmental regulations, with their application. They must also send in specimens of the ore with affidavit as to the place where quarried and proof of the existence of a phosphate bed. Returns are to be made, when called for, to the C. C. L. or his agents, of the quantities of phosphates obtained, under penalty of \$50 with costs of recovery. Royalties and fines collected form part of the C. R. F. The L. G. in C. may, by regulations, alter the size and configuration of phosphate lots, and provide for matters unforeseen in the Act.

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS.

*Chap. 5.*—Deeds, contracts, &c., with the Department need not be sealed. The Superintendent of Education is *ex officio* a member of the Board of Agriculture. The L. G. in C. appoints the Secretary of the Council of Agriculture &c., and approves of or rejects its by-laws. A duty of the Council is to organize in common with the Council of Arts and Manufactures a permanent Exhibition Committee to consist of 10 members from each to be appointed by the C. C. L. who may add to it equal numbers from each Council. This Committee organizes and has charge of the Provincial Exhibition, the secretaries of both Councils assisting. The official journal of agriculture is to be published under direction of the C. C. L. upon conditions approved by the L. G. in C. The Counties of Bonaventure, Charlevoix, Chicoutimi, Gaspé, Ottawa, and Pontiac, may be divided into two parts each for agricultural purposes, the grants to each division not exceeding \$500 per annum, whether one or more societies are formed therein. Hereafter the union of County Societies as provided in 32 V., c. 15, ss. 50 and 51 is subject to the approval of the Council not the C. C. L. The annual meetings of, and meetings to form County Societies, are to be held on the 3rd Wednesday in December; at each meeting a director may be elected for each parish or

municipality, and as many more as are necessary to make the board nine. But ten or more subscribers in each parish who have paid their subscription for the coming year, at a meeting convened by the Mayor or a J.P. after ten days notice, and held in the week preceding the general meeting, may elect the Director therefor. The Directors elect the President, Vice-President and Secretary. The Presidents of Mechanics' Institutes cannot claim a place on the direction because of \$10 payment. The security given by the Secretary Treasurer of a Society is to be renewed annually. The annual notice by the Secretary of the Council of Agriculture to the Secretary Treasurer of each Society respecting the transmission of the affidavit of subscription, must be given on 1st July. The affidavit must also contain a declaration that the Secretary Treasurer has given security. Any member of either Council absent from its meetings for a whole year ceases to be a member unless he has given satisfactory reasons to the C. C. L. The Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Montreal, may at a general meeting change its name to the Horticultural and Pomological Society, and reorganize with a board of nine,—officers to be elected as in a County Society. Its objects are to be to encourage the cultivation of flowers, fruits and vegetables and bee culture, to collect information respecting the fruits best adapted for cultivation in the Province, the holding exhibitions in Montreal, and the publication of useful information. If its exhibitions are opened to the whole Province and annual returns furnished to the C. C. L., it is entitled to a grant of \$1,000 per annum.

#### PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

*Chap. 6.*—Appeals from the decisions of the Superintendent are only allowed when there is no recourse in the Courts, and where such decision is not declared to be final by the law. In cases between Protestant and Catholic the appeal is to the whole Council, otherwise to the Committee of the same faith as the parties. The Council or Committees make rules of practice with a tariff of fees and publish them in the *Journal of Education*. The Council or Committee may refer any subject for report to a sub-committee of 3 or more. The Committees, with the approval of the L. G. in C., may alter the meetings of the Boards of Examiners,—the dates settled to be published in the education journals; two weeks notice of application for alterations in school municipalities must be given in the education journals and *Official Gazette*, and of the alterations when made in the *Official Gazette*. Incorporated towns or villages need not be divided into school districts. If divided, the Comrs. or trustees may cancel the division. The School Inspectors are *ex officio* visitors of schools in their divisions and may, by direction of the Superintendent, meet and report upon others. The Superintendent, or, on his appointment, the Secretaries, the editor of *Le Journal*, &c., and inspectors may hold investigations into school matters with all authority which would be vested in them if appointed by the L. G. in C. under the Act (32 V., c. 8) respect-