

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(Approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.)

1. The Ontario Legislature has voted an appropriation for Farmers' Institutes for a grant of \$25 to one institute in each District, on condition that an equal sum be granted by the County Council or the municipalities in which the institute is organized, and on such further conditions as may be imposed by regulations of the Minister of Agriculture.

2. The object of each local institute shall be the dissemination of agricultural knowledge in its District and the development of local talent. The officers shall endeavor to bring the rank and file of the farmers into touch with the most successful local men, that the masses may become more conversant with the best and most profitable methods of farming, stock raising, dairying, fruit culture, and all branches of business connected with the industry of agriculture.

ORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTES.

3. One institute may be organized in each District of the Province, exclusive of cities, or in such other divisions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may authorize.

4. The organization meeting may be called by the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, by the head of a municipality, or by any five farmers of the District; and at least two weeks' previous notice shall be given by advertisement in two newspapers published in the District, or by placard, in which shall be stated the object, time and place of meeting.

5. As soon as organization is completed, the Superintendent shall be notified, and the names and addresses of the officers and directors shall be forwarded to him.

6. All memberships shall terminate the 31st of December of each year. (See clause 57.)

7. Each institute shall be known by a distinctive name.

OFFICERS.

8. The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, and one or more directors from each municipality included in the institute District, except in new or thinly-settled Districts, when directors may be elected irrespective of the municipalities. The president, vice-president and directors shall be elected annually, and together with the Secretary-treasurer, shall constitute a board of directors, the majority of whom shall be practical farmers.

9. There shall be an executive committee composed of the president, the vice-president, and the secretary-treasurer.

10. There shall be elected annually two auditors, to audit the accounts of the institute.

11. If the secretary-treasurer resigns, or for any cause does not perform the duties of his office, or if he remove from the District, the president shall immediately issue a letter calling the officers and directors together, giving each at least ten days' notice. In the meantime the president shall perform the duties of the secretary-treasurer. At the time and place appointed, the officers and directors present shall appoint a secretary-treasurer. In case the presidency is vacant, or the president does not take action within ten days, the vice-president shall assume the power of president. Other vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

12. Any change in the personnel of the executive or directorate shall be reported to the Superintendent forthwith.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Date and Place of Holding.

13. The institute year shall begin June 1st and end May 31st.

14. The annual meeting of each institute shall be held on some date to be selected between the 1st and 20th of June of each and every year. (See clauses 16, 17, 18 and 19.)

15. The newly elected board of directors shall take office at the close of the annual meeting. The old board shall remain in office until this time.

16. Each year a meeting of the directors shall be called by the secretary to meet some time before the 1st of March. The special business of this meeting shall be to arrange for holding the annual meeting.

17. If it is thought desirable by the directors present at this meeting that a delegate or speaker be in attendance at the annual meeting, the same may be arranged for through the Superintendent, in which case the local institute shall pay the actual travelling expenses of the delegate or speaker from the time he or she leaves home until he or she returns thereto. (See clause 34.)

18. If it is decided that a request be sent to the Superintendent for a speaker to attend the annual meeting, the directors shall, in addition, select the place for holding above meeting, the date being selected by the Superintendent, as in the case of winter meetings. If, however, it is decided *not* to ask for a speaker through the Superintendent, the directors shall select both date and place for holding annual meeting, conforming with clause 14.

19. A full report of this directors' meeting shall be forwarded by the secretary to the Superintendent on or before the 1st of March.

Business at Annual Meeting.

20. At the annual meeting the directors and auditors shall be elected for the ensuing year. (See clauses 8 and 10.)

21. At the annual meeting the method of election shall be by ballot or otherwise, as decided by the members present. No person shall be eligible for office, or be entitled to vote at the annual or any other meeting, who has not paid his fees in full for the current membership year. (See clause 6.)