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continuing lien thereon for re-imbusement; but no special contract, made by the owners, respecting the building or repair of such mill or dam, is hereby affected. CHAP. 57.

SEC. 4. Where any part of such mill or dam, at the time of meeting and notice, is owned by minors, married women, tenants by courtesy, in tail, for life or years, or by mortgagor or mortgagee, the guardians of such minors, husband of such married woman in her right, such tenant, mortgagor, or mortgagee shall be deemed, for the purposes of this chapter the proprietors thereof, and shall be notified, vote, and contribute accordingly; and all advances so made by them, if not paid, may be recovered in a special action on the case, with interest.

Proceedings, if a part owner is a minor, or otherwise disqualified. R. S., c. 57, § 4.

SEC. 5. The owner of every grist mill shall keep scales and weights therein, to weigh corn, grain, and meal, when required; and for neglecting so to do, or refusing to weigh the same when required, or for taking more than lawful toll, he forfeits five dollars, to be recovered by action of debt.

Owners of grist mills to furnish scales for weighing grain. R. S., c. 57, § 5. Tolls established. 1883, c. 139.

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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Board of agriculture, how constituted, and tenure of office.
1880, c. 235, § 1.
R.S., c. 58, § 1.

SEC. 1. The Maine board of agriculture for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the general interests of husbandry, consists of the president and the professor of agriculture of the State college of agriculture and the mechanic arts, together with one person from each county elected by ballot by any county agricultural or horticultural society at its annual, or other meeting called for the purpose; and they hold their offices for three years from the third Wednesday of January thereafter.

If more than one society in a county, convention of delegates from each, to elect member therefor.
1883, c. 133.

SEC. 2. If there is more than one such society in a county, the executive officers of the oldest shall designate a time and place for a convention of five delegates, chosen from each society at a regular meeting; and the secretary of such oldest society shall give written notice thereof to the secretary of each of the others. The convention shall be held prior to the third Wednesday of January and shall elect a president and secretary, and by ballot, a member of the board of agriculture for that county. If no election is thus made, the secretary shall immediately send to the governor and council the names of two or more persons having the highest number of votes; and they shall elect one of them. The written certificate of the secretary of the society or convention electing a member, shall be his credentials in the board.

—if not so elected, governor and council to elect from highest candidates.
—credentials of members.

SEC. 3. The board shall hold a business session of not more than two days at the capitol, annually, on the third Wednesday of January, for the election of officers and perfecting of plans for the execution of the work for the year.

Annual session, when and where to be held.
1880, c. 235, § 2.

SEC. 4. The board, by its secretary and one of its members, shall hold, annually, one farmers' institute in each county, and as many more as it deems expedient or finds practicable with the means at its disposal, for the public discussion of topics relating to husbandry, either independently or in connection with any organization devoted to the same general object, and it may issue bulletins, employ experts, lecturers, a reporter, or other aids to enhance the usefulness of said institutes to the public; and shall, so far as practicable, aid and encourage agricultural societies and associations in their efforts. The members shall receive no compensation for time and services, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, two dollars a day for subsistence and six cents a mile for travel. The whole expenses under this section shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars annually.

Farmers' institutes to be held annually in each county.
1880, c. 235, § 3.

—re-imbursment of members' personal expenses.

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Secretary: appointment and duties.

SEC. 5. The board shall appoint a secretary, as its chief executive officer, for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed, and

may prescribe his duties, a part of which shall be by personal observation, investigation, and correspondence, to acquaint himself, with the methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertilization, and the adaptation of various products to the soils and climate of Maine; also with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development of the natural resources of the state. He shall, annually, by the third Wednesday in January, present to the governor and council a report of the doings of the board and the results of his own labors and investigations, together with useful communications, suggestions and recommendations. Ten thousand copies of said report shall be printed; five thousand bound in paper covers, and five thousand in cloth, one half of each for the legislature, and the remainder, after reserving a suitable number for foreign exchanges, for distribution under the direction of the board, among the agricultural associations and the people of the state.

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—his annual report, number of copies and distribution of.

SEC. 6. The secretary is an ex-officio member of the board of trustees of the State college of agriculture and the mechanic arts, and of the board of commissioners provided in section fifty of chapter fourteen relative to contagious diseases among cattle.

Ex-officio trustee of state college, &c. 1880, c. 235, § 5. See c. 115, § 1.

SEC. 7. The board shall investigate such subjects relating to agriculture, horticulture, and the arts connected therewith, as they think proper, and may take and hold in trust, gifts or bequests made to it for promoting agricultural education, or the general interest of husbandry.

Duties of board of agriculture. 1879, c. 167, § 1. —may take and hold gifts.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SEC. 8. The Maine state agricultural society, at its annual meeting, shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary, treasurer, trustees and other necessary officers.

Officers, to be elected. R.S., c. 58, § 7.

SEC. 9. Said society may take and hold property, real and personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars, to be applied exclusively to the advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and the arts connected therewith; and the treasurer of said society shall give a suitable bond to the board of trustees, for the safe keeping of said property, and for the faithful discharge of his duties. At each annual meeting, the treasurer shall submit a full and correct account of the money received and expended; and the secretary shall make a report of the doings of the society, with such information and suggestions as he deems useful to the public.

May hold property, with annual income not exceeding \$5,000, to be paid in premiums; treasurer to give bond and render annual account, and secretary to make annual report. R.S., c. 58, § 8.

COUNTY AND LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

SEC. 10. County and local agricultural societies may take and hold property, real and personal, the income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars, to be applied to the purposes provided in their charters; or their treasurers may receive conveyances or leases of such property, for their societies, and hold, sell, mortgage or pledge it, and shall give bonds to the trustees for the safe keeping thereof and the faithful discharge of their duties.

County and local societies, treasurers of, may hold property in trust, and convey or mortgage it: treasurers to give bond. R.S., c. 58, § 9.

SEC. 11. The treasurer of an incorporated agricultural or horticultural

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urer to pay to treasurer of society amount equal to that raised by society. 1881, c. 78.
 —limitation.
 —if there is more than one society in a county, each to have its proportion.
 —exceptions.

tural society, on application made prior to the first Wednesday of each December, shall receive from the state treasury, a sum equal to that raised by such society during the year preceding; but not exceeding one cent to each inhabitant of the county where it is located, according to the last preceding national census, nor more than four hundred dollars to one county. If there is more than one such society in any county, and the sums so applied for exceed the limits aforesaid, it shall be paid to each in proportion to the amount expended by it, as hereinafter provided. But the Penobscot and Aroostook union agricultural society may annually receive as much as is raised by it, not exceeding one hundred dollars, without regard to population; and the Waldo and Penobscot agricultural society as much as is raised by it, not exceeding one hundred and thirty dollars; and the same shall be deducted from the sums allowed to said counties, in proportion to the number of inhabitants of each county within the limits of such society; and the Ossipee Valley union agricultural society shall receive as much as is raised by it, not exceeding two hundred dollars, and the same shall be deducted from the sums allowed to the counties of York, Oxford and Cumberland, in proportion to the number of inhabitants of each county, within the limits of said society.

No payment to be made until certain certificates and specifications are filed. R.S., c. 58, § 11.

SEC. 12. None of such payments shall be made to any society until the treasurer thereof files with the treasurer of state a certificate, on oath, stating the amount raised by it and containing the specifications required in section fourteen, and also a certificate from the secretary of the board of agriculture that said society has complied with the requirements of section fifteen.

How the bounty of the state shall be spent. R.S., c. 58, § 12.

SEC. 13. Every society receiving the bounty of the State, shall expend an equal amount each year in premiums and gratuities for the improvement and encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, or the mechanic arts, unless the board of agriculture directs for what purposes a sum not exceeding half of such bounty shall be expended; and then it shall be expended accordingly.

Statements required from competitors, for bounties, and specifications in treasurer's certificate to state treasurer. R.S., c. 58, § 13.

SEC. 14. Every society applying for the bounty of the State shall require of all competitors for premiums either on animals, crops, dairy products, or improvements of soils or manures, a full and accurate statement of the process or method of rearing, managing, producing and accomplishing the same, together with its cost and value, with a view of showing the profits or benefits derived or expected therefrom; and the application for bounty shall embrace all the specifications included in the following form, to wit:

—form of application for bounty.

"I, A. B., treasurer of the — society, hereby apply for bounty in aid of said society, as granted by law, and being sworn," (or affirmed) "say that \$ — has been raised and paid in good faith into the treasury of said society, and that \$ — has been awarded in premiums or otherwise expended within the past year, in conformity with law."

Secretaries to report annually to secretary of the board of agriculture.

SEC. 15. The secretaries of the several societies shall prepare an annual report, embracing a concise statement of the financial condition and doings of the society, with a synopsis of the premiums awarded, to be made by filling blanks furnished by the secretary of said board. Said

report shall also state the leading features of the annual exhibition, the character of the efforts of the society for the advancement of agriculture, the principal crops raised in the county or district, the success attending their culture as compared with former years, and the obstacles met with; and generally the condition, prospects and wants of agriculture; which report, with a list of the officers of the society and the post office address of each, renewed at each new election, and all statements made by successful competitors for premiums, and any reports of committees, essays, addresses or other papers presented to the society containing matters of general interest, shall be returned to the secretary of the board by the first Wednesday of each December. Upon receipt and after examination of said returns, if the secretary of the board finds them full, faithful and accurate, according to the intent hereof, he shall issue the certificate mentioned in section twelve, and not otherwise.

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R.S., c. 58, § 14.

—when to be made.

SEC. 16. All incorporated agricultural societies may, by their officers, define and fix bounds of sufficient extent for the erection of their cattle pens and yards, and for convenient passage ways to and about the same, on the days of their cattle shows and exhibitions, and for their plowing matches and trial of working teams, within which no person shall enter or pass, unless in conformity with the regulations of the officers thereof; but they shall not so occupy or include the lands of any person without his consent, or obstruct the public travel of any highway.

May fix bounds for exhibitions, but not to include land without owner's consent, nor to obstruct highway.
R.S., c. 58, § 15.

SEC. 17. Whoever, contrary to such regulations and after notice thereof, enters or passes within the bounds so fixed, forfeits to such society not exceeding five dollars, to be recovered on complaint.

Penalty for violation of regulations.
R.S., c. 58, § 16.

SEC. 18. The officers of any such society may appoint a sufficient number of suitable persons, to act as constables at cattle shows and exhibitions, with all the powers of constables, for the preservation of the public peace, and the enforcement of the regulations of said society, within the towns where such shows and exhibitions are held, from noon of the day preceding the commencement of the same until noon of the day succeeding the termination thereof, and no longer.

Persons may be appointed to keep order, with powers of constables.
1883, c. 164.

SEC. 19. Whoever sells any refreshments, or other merchandise, or exhibits any show or play, within a quarter of a mile of the fair grounds of any agricultural society, during the time of any exhibition thereof, unless in his own dwelling-house, or usual and ordinary place of business or lets any land or building adjoining, or overlooking the fair grounds of such society, to spectators of any exhibition thereof, during the time of such exhibition, without the written consent of its trustees, forfeits to such society not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered on complaint of two of its trustees.

Sale of merchandise, and refreshments, and exhibitions, near grounds of agricultural societies, restricted.
1880, c. 212.

—penalty.