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The Agricultural Committees Act

1. In this Act, Interpretation.

(a) "agricultural organization" includes agricultural cooperative, agricultural association, agricultural society and agricultural club and any branch thereof;

(b) "agricultural representative" means an agricultural representative appointed under The Agricultural Representatives Act;

(c) "Department" means Department of Agriculture;

(d) "Minister" means Minister of Agriculture. 1944, c. 5, s. 1.

2.—(1) A committee consisting of not more than fifteen persons may be formed in any county or district, and the name of every such committee shall bear the name of such county or district.

(2) Where only one agricultural representative has been appointed for two counties or districts, one committee may be formed for the two counties or districts. 1944, c. 5, s. 2.

(3) Where two agricultural representatives have been appointed for one county or district, two committees may be formed for the county or district. 1946, c. 89, s. 5.

3.—(1) Where an agricultural representative in a county or district receives written notice from any three or more agricultural organizations within his county or district requesting the organization of an agricultural committee, he shall forthwith call a general meeting of representatives of the agricultural organizations in the county or district for the purpose of forming a committee.

(2) At the meeting a committee of not more than thirteen persons shall be selected by such mode as may be determined at the meeting for the current year or until their successors are selected and every agricultural organization shall be en-
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titled to at least one representative on the committee, unless there are more than thirteen agricultural organizations represented at the meeting, in which event one person may be selected as the representative of two or more agricultural organizations.

Chairman, vice-chairman.

(3) The committee so selected shall appoint an acting chairman and acting vice-chairman from among themselves and the agricultural representative shall be the acting secretary-treasurer of the committee.

Report to Minister.

(4) A report of the meeting, certified by the acting chairman and the acting secretary-treasurer showing the names of the agricultural organizations represented at the meeting and the names and addresses of the persons selected as members of the committee, together with such other information as the Minister may require, shall be forwarded to the Minister within ten days after the holding of the meeting. 1944, c. 5, s. 3.

Committee declared agricultural committee.

4. — (1) Upon receipt of the report mentioned in subsection 4 of section 3 the Minister may declare such committee to be an agricultural committee.

Members.

(2) The members of the committee shall be members of the agricultural committee and the agricultural representative shall be the secretary-treasurer. 1944, c. 5, s. 4.

Appointment of members.

5. — (1) One member may be appointed to the committee by the member or members of the Legislature whose electoral district or districts include any rural part of the county or district and such member shall hold office during pleasure.

in county;

(2) In the case of a county agricultural committee one member may be appointed annually by the county council.

in district.

(3) In the case of a district agricultural committee one member may be appointed by the Minister and shall hold office during pleasure. 1944, c. 5, s. 5.

Who to be members of committee.

6. No person shall be selected or appointed as a member of a committee except a farmer, farm woman, retired farmer, farm youth or an official of an agricultural organization. 1944, c. 5, s. 6.

Annual meeting.

7. The agricultural representative shall call an annual meeting of representatives of all agricultural organizations in the county or district and members of the agricultural committee for the ensuing year shall be selected and a chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected thereat in such manner as may be
prescribed by the rules of the agricultural committee. 1944, c. 5, s. 7.

8. The objects and purposes of an agricultural committee shall be,

(a) to co-operate with and make suggestions to the agricultural representative;

(b) to consider and make recommendations to appropriate authorities with respect to soil conservation, reforestation, weed control, health of animals, plant diseases, crop production, marketing problems and other matters which are deemed advisable for the improvement of agriculture within the county or district;

(c) to co-ordinate the undertakings of the various agricultural organizations in the county or district; and

(d) to assist in promoting farm youth activities within the county or district. 1944, c. 5, s. 8.

9. The Minister may assign to any committee any matter or undertaking which he may consider of special interest to agriculture. 1944, c. 5, s. 9.

10. An agricultural committee may initiate or promote any matter or undertaking for the purpose of improving agriculture. 1944, c. 5, s. 10.

11. Subject to the approval of the Minister an agricultural committee may require producers of any agricultural product within the county or district to register their names and addresses with the secretary-treasurer and to furnish such information respecting the production other than cost, of such agricultural product as the agricultural committee may determine. 1944, c. 5, s. 11.

12. An agricultural committee may establish an executive committee to consist of three or five members for such purposes as the committee may determine. 1944, c. 5, s. 12.

13. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may make regulations respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. 1944, c. 5, s. 13.

14. Subject to the approval of the Minister, the travelling expenses of the members shall be paid out of such moneys as may be appropriated by the Legislature. 1944, c. 5, s. 14.