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An Act to provide for the incorporation of Immigration Aid Societies.

FOR the purpose of encouraging and facilitating immigration Preamble.
into Canada, from the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 5 1. The Minister of Agriculture shall, from time to time, divide Immigration District.
each of the several Provinces of Canada into immigration districts; in each there shall be an immigration office and an immigration agent, and such division, and any alteration thereof shall be notified in the *Canada Gazette*, and each such district shall be 10 known as the immigration district of the place where the immigration office is kept.
2. In each immigration district, an Immigration Aid Society or Formation of Immigration Aid Societies, for the purpose of assisting immigrants to reach Canada from Europe, and to obtain employment on their 15 arrival in Canada, and of enabling persons in Canada in want of laborers, artisans, or servants, to obtain them by such immigration, may be formed under this Act: each such society consisting of not less than twenty-five persons, whether resident or not in the immigration district, agreeing to form such society, and to subscribe 20 among them, as the capital of the society, not less than five hundred dollars, in shares of twenty dollars each, one-half of which at least shall be paid, on subscribing the declaration of membership hereinafter mentioned, into the hands of a person agreed upon as their secretary-treasurer by the persons (not being less than 25 twenty-five) present at the meeting at which it is agreed to form such society.
3. The persons agreeing to form such Society shall elect or agree upon a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Management, composed of not less than five members, including the officers above mentioned, and shall adopt a constitution and by-laws, and shall respectively sign a declaration to the effect following: "We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together as "The Immigration Aid Society No....., of the Immigration district of, and we hereby bind ourselves 35 to observe and obey all the requirements of *The Immigration Aid Societies Act, 1872*, and to pay respectively into the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer the amount of stock set opposite our respective names, one-half on subscribing this declaration, and the other half by the instalments and in the manner hereinafter provided; and we further bind ourselves to observe and obey the 40 constitution and by-laws of the Society, which are as follows:—" Then shall follow the constitution and by-laws, which shall declare Formalities to be complied with for that purpose.