

An Act to amend Chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting Agriculture, and the Acts amending the same.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend the Agricultural Act, Chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, and the Act twenty-fourth Victoria, Chapter thirty: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

DAMAGE CAUSED BY ANIMALS.

1. After the second paragraph of the eighth section, add the following paragraph:—

“No proprietor of land shall be entitled to the penalty nor to damages against his neighbor, if the cattle of such neighbor come upon his property in consequence of the bad condition of his own fences.”

Additional to eighth section.

2. After the first paragraph of the ninth section, add the following paragraph:—

“But no owner or occupant of land, his servant or representative, shall seize or impound or retain at his own place of abode, any animal he finds wandering on his land and belonging to his neighbor, unless his fence is in good repair.”

Additional to ninth section.

OF DECOUVERT.

3. Strike out the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the seventeenth section, and substitute the following:—

“Whoever refuses or neglects to obey the orders of the Inspector shall be bound to pay the damages, if such there be, as established by experts chosen one by each neighbor and the third, if the two do not agree, by a Justice of the Peace, unless the two experts already appointed agree upon a selection themselves. Such damage if any there be, shall be paid annually, so long as the cause continues.”

Seventeenth section amended.

WATER COURSES.

4. Strike out the nineteenth and twentieth sections, and substitute the following:

19. “On the first Sunday in the month of July in each year, every Inspector upon the requisition of one or more parties interested in a water course regulated by a *procès-verbal*, or by an agreement made by the parties interested or by Municipal authority, shall be bound to give public notice of the day and hour, on which the works to be done in portions or in common for the suitable repair and cleansing of such water course are to be commenced.

New nineteenth and twentieth sections.

2. “Every party interested shall be bound to be present on the spot on the day and at the hour mentioned.