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BILL.

An Act to provide for the better Organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS the Acts in force for the encouragement of Agriculture in Lower Canada require amendments, and it is expedient to consolidate in one Act all the provisions relating to Agricultural Societies: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in Lower Canada by the Establishment of Agricultural Societies therein*,—the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture by the Establishment of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada*, and the Act passed in the same year, and intituled, *An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in Lower Canada, and for the relief of the Society for the County of Montreal*, are hereby repealed: Provided always that the County Societies formed under the above mentioned Acts shall continue to exist until the time hereinafter provided for the formation of new Societies, and that all sums due at the time of the passing of this Act to any Agricultural Societies under the said Acts, or by such Societies under engagements entered into by them, shall be delivered to such Societies, as provided by the said Acts.

Preamble.

Acts

8 v. c. 53,

9 v. c. 14, and

9 v. c. 24, repealed.

Proviso: existing Societies continued for a certain time.

II. From and after the First day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, a County Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Counties of Lower-Canada, whenever thirty persons shall become Members thereof, by signing a declaration in the form of the Schedule A to this Act annexed, and subscribing each not less than five shillings annually to the Funds of the said Society, and a true copy of the said declaration shall, within one month after being so signed, be transmitted to the Board of Agriculture.

Society may be formed in each County, and how.

III. That the object of the said Societies, shall be to encourage improvement in Agriculture, by holding Meetings for discussion, and for hearing Lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved Husbandry, by promoting the circulation of the Agriculture Periodicals published in the Pro-

Object of such Societies, and how to be promoted.