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## BILL.

An Act to provide for the better organisation of  
Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada.

**WHEREAS** by an Act of the Legislature passed Preamble.  
during the now last Session, provision was made  
for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture in Upper  
Canada; And whereas to enable the said Board to ac-  
5 accomplish the objects for which it was established, it is  
necessary to reorganise the Agricultural Societies of Up-  
per Canada, and to provide a uniform system for their  
more efficient working: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the Act of the Legislature passed in the eighth 8 Vict. c. 54,  
10 year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the* repealed.  
*encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture*  
*in Upper Canada,*" be and the same is hereby repealed.

### COUNTY SOCIETIES.

15 II. And be it enacted, That a County Agricultural So- County  
Societies how  
organized.  
ciety may be organised in each of the Counties of Upper  
Canada, whenever *fifty* persons shall become members  
thereof, by signing a declaration in the form of the Sche-  
dule A, to this Act annexed, and subscribing each not  
less than *five shillings* annually to the funds of the said  
20 Society.

III. And be it enacted, That the object of the said So- Objects of  
County and  
of Branch  
or Township  
Societies.  
cieties, and of the Township or Branch Societies in con-  
nection therewith, shall be to encourage improvement in  
Agriculture, by holding meetings for discussion, and for  
25 hearing lectures on subjects connected with the theory  
and practice of improved husbandry; by promoting the  
circulation of the agricultural periodicals published in  
the Province; by importing seeds, plants and animals of  
new and valuable kinds; by offering prizes for essays on  
30 questions of scientific inquiry relating to agriculture; and  
by awarding premiums for excellence in the raising or  
introduction of stock, the invention or improvement of  
agricultural implements and machines, the production of  
grain and all kinds of vegetables, and generally for excel-  
35 lence in any agricultural production or operation; and  
it shall not be lawful to expend the funds of the Societies,  
derived from subscriptions of members, or the public  
grant, for any object inconsistent with those above men-  
tioned.