

XVII. Every Electoral Division shall be deemed a County within the meaning of this Act, and all the provisions hereof and of former Acts in force relating to Agriculture in Lower Canada, shall apply to such Electoral Division; Provided that such Electoral Division, whenever it shall not embrace the limits of a County proper, shall not be entitled to more than one half of the amount of the public Grant for a County.

Electoral Divisions to be deemed Counties.
 Proviso.

XVIII. All sums of money paid to Agricultural Societies before the taking effect of this Act, and remaining unexpended in the hands of any person, or his heir or representative, who may have been Treasurer of a former Society, shall by him be paid over to the Treasurer of the new County or other Society, comprising the territory out of which the former Society was formed, and shall be applied by the Treasurer to whom the money shall be so paid, or by his successor, to the purposes of such new Society, and if not so paid may be sued for and recovered by the new Society as a debt due to the same; Provided also that if there shall be any property real or personal in the hands of any one Society organized under this Act, which belonged wholly, or in part, to any other Society organized under former Acts or under this Act, and comprising the territory or part thereof, out of which the said Society, not enjoying possession of said property, was formed; then, and in that case, the said property, or the value thereof, may be equitably divided by arbitration to be arranged between the parties, and if the Society so holding such property shall refuse, or neglect to arbitrate or to divide the same, or the value thereof, or to comply with any award made upon any such arbitration, it shall be lawful for the Society aggrieved to sue at law and recover its proportion of the same, or the amount to which it may be entitled by any such award, in any Court of Civil Jurisdiction, and the Minister of Agriculture may order the grant of public money payable to such defaulting Society to be withheld while such default continues.

Payment and application of funds of defunct Treasurer

Proviso: for arbitration in certain cases, where more than one Society may have a claim.

XIX. This Act shall take effect on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and the County Societies heretofore established in Lower Canada shall receive, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the full grant to which they would have been entitled if this Act had not been passed, and as so organized shall continue to exist during the said year.

Act to take effect on 1st January, 1858.

XX. The provisions of this Act with regard to Grants, Counties and Electoral Divisions, conditions of Grants, &c., &c., &c., shall extend to any new Counties or new Electoral Divisions which may hereafter be formed in Lower Canada: Provided always, that no new Electoral Division shall be entitled to more than Two Hundred Pounds.

As to future Counties, &c.

Proviso.

XXI. The word "subscription," in this Act, shall be held to include payment of the amount subscribed as well as the mere act

Interpretation clause.

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