

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, REVISED STATUTES, "OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE."

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. The Central Board of Agriculture is hereby abolished, and all the powers, authority and duties possessed by or imposed on the said board under the provisions of the Chapter hereby amended are conferred and imposed upon the Governor in Council.

2. The Governor in Council shall appoint an officer to be called "Secretary for Agriculture," who shall receive such salary and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

3. The Secretary for Agriculture shall, at the close of each year, prepare a report of the operations during the year under the Acts for Encouragement of Agriculture, and such report shall be laid before the Legislature.

4. All moneys, books, papers and other property belonging to the Central Board of Agriculture shall be delivered to the Secretary for Agriculture, or such other person as the Governor in Council may appoint to receive the same.

5. The Governor in Council may, if it be deemed expedient, discontinue the publication of the *Journal of Agriculture*, and make other provisions for the distribution of Agricultural information.

6. The District Exhibitions mentioned in Section 29 of the Chapter hereby amended shall be abolished. The Provincial Exhibitions mentioned in the said Section shall hereafter be held once in three years, and the grant for such exhibitions shall remain as at present, that is to say, four thousand dollars for each exhibition.

7. For the purpose of encouraging the County Exhibitions referred to in Section 27 of the Chapter hereby amended, the Governor in Council may grant to each county a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirty dollars per annum; provided, however, that no such grants shall be given in any year in which a Provincial Exhibition is to be held. The grants shall be given on such conditions as the Governor in Council shall determine.

8. The Governor in Council may unite the grants of two counties for one exhibition, if a majority of the Agricultural Societies in each of such counties so request.

9. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the holding of the Provincial Exhibition appointed to be held at Kentville in the present year, or the fulfilment of any

engagement lawfully entered into by the Central Board of Agriculture.

10. The Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

11. Section 12 of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, and so much of any other section or chapter of the existing law as is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

12. This Act shall take effect and become law on the first day of July in the present year.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. The Council of Public Instruction shall have power to appoint a Lecturer on Agriculture in connection with the Provincial Normal School.

2. It shall be the duty of the Council of Public Instruction to define particularly the duties of the aforesaid Lecturer, with reference to the following general objects :

(a.) Instructing the pupil teachers in Agricultural Chemistry and the sciences bearing on Agriculture, according to the Provincial standards of examination, as announced from time to time.

(b.) Conducting a regular course of lectures on Agricultural science, with experiments and laboratory practice, for the benefit of young men generally who may wish to fit themselves for the successful prosecution of Agriculture, and with the view of training teachers for the special schools provided for in this Act.

(c.) Inspecting and reporting upon any schools receiving special grants under authority of this Act, so far as the teaching of Agricultural is concerned.

(d.) Delivering public lectures on Agriculture throughout the Province, so far as his other duties will permit.

3. Any male teacher of the first class (grade A or grade B), who shall have attended the course of lectures above provided for, and shall have passed a satisfactory examination on the subjects thereof, shall be entitled, subject to the conditions hereinafter named, to receive, when teaching school, in addition to the ordinary grant of his grade, a special grant of one hundred dollars for the school year, or ratably according to the time he may have taught.

4. It shall be the duty of the Council of Public Instruction to frame regulations as to the outfit and management of schools in charge of teachers holding an agricultural diploma, and claiming the special grant aforesaid; and, without the due observance of such regulations by both trustees and teacher, the special grant shall in no case be paid.

5. To encourage teachers to qualify themselves as Agricultural instructors, the Council of Public Instruction is authorized to distribute annually a sum not exceeding \$250, as prizes, among the five teachers who shall pass the best examination on the subjects of the course.

6. The grants authorized by this Act shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated annually by the Legislature for Education.

KING'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The ninety-fifth annual meeting of the King's County Agricultural Society was held in Borden's Hall, Grand Pre, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1884. Sixteen members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary made a short report, after which the following Report was submitted by the Executive Committee :

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 1884.

Another year in the history of the Society has passed away, and your Directors come before you with the ninety-fifth Annual Report.

Nearly a century ago, on the 10th day of December, 1789, this Society was formed by the leading men of Horton, "For the better improvement of Husbandry, Encouragement of Manufactories, cultivation of Social Virtue, acquirement of Useful Knowledge, and to promote the Good Order and Well-being of the Community." It was christened *Colonia Societas*, and had a seal with a plough engraven on it, with the motto "Vive ut Visas." Our Society, now called King's County Agricultural Society, is, therefore, almost a century old, and those members who live to see the end of the next five years will have the pleasure of celebrating its centennial. May each member present live to enjoy the pleasure!

Your Directors think it is well from time to time to recall to your minds the honorable antiquity of our Society—the oldest in the Province—and the excellent purposes for which it was formed, and to ask the questions: Are we, as a Society, pressing forward the work of improvement begun by the Founders and Fathers of this Society as vigorously as we might? Are we as solicitous, not only for the improvement of the stock and crops, but for the "acquirement of useful knowledge, the cultivation of social virtue, and the promotion of the good order and well-being of the community," as were they of yesteryear? Are we doing all the good that we might in our day and generation? It is not hard to find an answer to these questions.

During the past ten years the progress made in every department of scientific