

An Act to amend Chapter Thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, and otherwise to provide for the encouragement of Agriculture, Arts and Manufactures in Lower Canada.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble.

1. The Bureau of Agriculture, the Board of Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, and Boards of Arts and Manufactures, lawfully organized, shall continue to exist, except in so far as the said Bureau, or such Societies and Boards are altered or affected by this Act. Bureau and Societies continued.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

2. The Board of Agriculture shall be composed of ten elected members, of the Superintendent of Education, *ex-officio*, and of a professor, who shall have a right of discussion but no vote, for each school or college in which a course of agricultural instruction is given, and which, on the strength of such instruction, receives a grant from the public moneys of the Province. Composition of Board of Agriculture.

3. Of the ten members elected, five shall retire annually, each seat being vacated every alternate year; but retiring members may be re-elected and shall continue to exercise all their functions until their successors have been duly elected. Vacation of seats.

4. Lower Canada shall be divided into twenty agricultural districts, having the same boundaries as the twenty judicial districts, which shall form ten electoral colleges, designated in Schedule A to this Act and annexed, each electoral college comprising the societies designated in the schedule. Lower Canada divided into Agricultural districts.

5. The Agricultural Societies in each Electoral College shall, at their annual meeting, elect one person to represent it at the Board of Agriculture, by a majority of the votes of the Agricultural Societies in each Electoral College. Societies to appoint Members of Boards.

2. The Secretary of each Society shall, within eight days after the election, forward to the Minister of Agriculture the name of the person chosen by the Society. And report names to Minister of Agriculture.

3. In case of an equality of votes for two or more persons, the Minister of Agriculture shall have a casting vote. Casting Vote.

4. Vacancies through death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Minister of Agriculture, on the recommendation of the Board of Agriculture. Casual vacancies.