

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.

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, and Societies, and Boards of Agriculture lawfully organized or established 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.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE.

2. The Bureau of Agriculture shall continue to be attached to one of the Public Departments, and the head of that department shall be charged with the Direction of the said Bureau, and shall in respect thereof be known as the Minister of Agriculture. Minister of Agriculture and Bureau thereof.

3. The Minister of Agriculture shall be *ex officio* Member of the Boards of Agriculture of this Province. Minister to be member of Agricultural Boards.

4. He shall receive applications, drawings, descriptions, specifications and models for or relating to Patents for Inventions in this Province, and shall keep the records thereof. To receive Applications for Patents of Inventions, &c., &c.

5. He shall be President of the Board of Registration and Statistics, and shall, under the general direction of the said Board, have charge of the Census and other Statistical Returns. To be President of Board of Registration, &c.

6. It shall be part of the duty of the Minister of Agriculture to institute inquiries and collect useful facts and statistics relating to the Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests of the Province, and to adopt measures for disseminating or publishing the same, in such manner and form as he finds best adapted to promote improvement within the Province, and to encourage immigration from other countries; and he shall submit to Parliament, within ten days after the opening of each Session thereof, a detailed Report of his proceedings. To collect facts relating to Agriculture, &c., and disseminate the same. Annual Reports.

7. The Boards of Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, Municipal Councils, Boards of Arts and Manufactures, Mechanics' Institutes, Institutions, and Public Officers of this Province shall promptly answer official communications from the Bureau of Agriculture; they shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them:—And any officer of such Boards, Societies, Councils, Institutes or other Public Institutions, refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any question, or to furnish any information relating to the Agricultural, Mechanical or Manufacturing interests, or to the Statistics of this Province, whenever required so to do, either by the Minister, or by any person duly authorized by him in that behalf, shall for every such offence incur a penalty of forty dollars which shall be Boards of Agriculture, &c., to answer his communications. Penalty for Refusal.