
BILL.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend, and to consolidate Preamble.
into one Act as amended, the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower*
5 *Canada*, and also the Act passed in the Session held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, and for other purposes connected with Agriculture in Upper and Lower Canada*,
10 Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

I. The Acts cited in the Preamble of this Act, are hereby Acts repealed.
repealed.

15 II. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, a County Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Counties of Lower Canada, whenever *forty* persons shall become members thereof, and shall have paid a sum not less than twenty pounds. Organization of Societies.

20 III. The object of the said Societies shall be to encourage improvement in Agriculture, Horticulture, Manufactures, and Works of Art, by holding meetings for discussion, and for hearing lectures on subjects connected with the theory and practice of improved husbandry, by promoting the circulation
25 of the Agricultural periodicals published in this Province ; by importing, or otherwise procuring, seeds, plants, and animals of new and valuable kinds ; by offering prizes for essays on questions of scientific enquiry relating to Agriculture ; and by awarding premiums for excellence in the raising or introduction of stock, the invention or improvement of Agricultural
30 Implements and Machines, the production of grain and all kinds of vegetables, for excellence in any Agricultural or Horticultural production or operation, and generally for improvements in any articles of Manufacture or works of Art ; and it shall not be
35 lawful to expend the funds of the Societies derived from the subscriptions of members, or the public grant, for any object inconsistent with this Act. Objects of Societies.

IV. The said Societies shall hold their annual meeting in the third week of the month of January in each year, in com- Annual Meetings—Officers and Boards.