

An Act to constitute but one Agricultural Society in and for the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay.

**WHEREAS**, owing to the difficulty of communication, the scattered settlements, and the known impossibility of forming a County Agricultural Society in the County of Saguenay which should properly advance the Agricultural interests of that County, and with the view of promoting and assisting the interests of the agricultural population of that County, it is requisite that the County of Saguenay should be united to the County of Chicoutimi for that purpose, so as to have but one joint Agricultural Society for the benefit of both ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

**1.** The Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, as now united for electoral purposes, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be united also for the purpose of forming but one Agricultural Society for both Counties, which Agricultural Society shall be known as "The Agricultural Society of the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay."

**2.** The said joint Society shall be entitled to receive the grants of public money from the Board of Agriculture, according to section sixty-one of the thirty-second chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, as for two Counties.

**3.** For the present year of 1863 the grants appertaining to the said two Counties (not exceeding in any case four hundred pounds,) shall be paid to the present existing Agricultural Society of the County of Chicoutimi in proportion to the subscriptions raised by the members subscribing thereto, and who may be residents of either County ; and until the next election shall take place in January, 1864, the present Presidents, Directors, and Secretary-Treasurer of the existing or present Agricultural Society of the County of Chicoutimi shall be considered, after the passing of this Act, as Presidents, Directors, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, and shall have full power to act as such.

**4.** At the election to take place in January, 1864, the Board of Directors to be duly elected for the management of the said Society, shall consist of nine members, subscribers in conformity with the Act before cited ; and at least two, and not more than four of the said Directors must be residents of the County of Saguenay ; the election and direction of the said Society's affairs shall be held and carried on at the *chef lieu*, Chicoutimi, in the County of Chicoutimi, and a quorum shall consist of four members.

**5.** The funds appertaining to the present "Agricultural Society of the County of Chicoutimi" shall become the property of the "Agricultural Society of the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay" from and after the passing of this Act.

**6.** This Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be considered as forming part of the said thirty-second chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.