

An Act to legalize certain proceedings taken by Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS certain irregularities have occurred in the election of the Officers of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, which took place at the period indicated by the Act 20 Vict., cap. 49; And whereas an erroneous interpretation of the Act 20 Vict., cap. 32, has caused certain Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada composed of more than forty persons, contributors to an amount exceeding twenty pounds currency, to be of opinion that the said Act rendered it unnecessary for them to subscribe to the declaration and form contained in Schedule A of the Act first above cited, and in consideration of the advantages which result from the proper working of the said Agricultural Societies; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., declares and enacts as follows:

I. Elections of officers of Agricultural Societies which have taken place in the different counties of Lower Canada at the period enacted by the Act 20 Vict., cap. 49, are hereby declared valid, and the said Officers shall be at liberty to exercise all the powers, and to discharge all the duties, conferred and enumerated by the Act 20 Vict., cap. 50, with reference to Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada.

II. The said Agricultural Societies, to enable them to take advantage of this Act, shall, within two months after the passing thereof, subscribe to the declaration in the form contained in the said Schedule A of the said Act 20 Vict., cap. 40; and the said declaration shall then be deemed to be subscribed to in conformity with the provisions of the Act last above cited.

III. This Act shall be a public Act, and shall apply to Lower Canada only.