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An Act to amend chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, in so far as they relate to Agricultural Societies, the Board of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Association of Lower Canada.

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An Act to amend chapter Thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting Agricultural Societies, the Board of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Association in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it has been represented by petition that it would be ^{Preamble} for the interest of Agriculture that the Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions should be held alternately in the principal places in Lower Canada, and that it has happened, in consequence of holding the meetings of the Agricultural Association at the place where the Exhibitions have been held, and at the same time and the consequent large attendance of members of such district, that a resolution has been carried to hold the Exhibition twice consecutively in the same place to the prejudice of the other places in Lower Canada justly entitled to the same; and whereas Quebec, Montreal, Three Rivers and Sherbrooke have been represented as the most desirable places for holding the said Exhibitions; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, declares and enacts as follows:

1. From and after the passing of this Act, the Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions shall be held alternately in the following order, at Quebec, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke and Montreal; Provided, however, that suitable grounds and buildings shall be provided for the purposes of the exhibition, by the municipalities, inhabitants or agricultural societies in the districts in which the exhibitions are to be held.

2. The Board of Agriculture shall cause a notice to be given on or before the first day of April, to the mayor of the municipality entitled to the exhibition for the then current year, informing him of the time and place for holding the exhibition, together with a statement of the accommodation required for the purposes of the exhibition, and requesting to be informed, within one month, whether suitable grounds and buildings will be provided by the municipality, inhabitants or agricultural societies.

3. In the event of the failure of any district entitled to the exhibition, to notify the Board of Agriculture of their willingness to provide the requisite accommodation, the offer of the exhibition shall be made on similar terms to the place next entitled to the same, and so on through the list.

4. In the event of all the places entitled to the exhibition under the provisions of this Act, failing or neglecting to provide the accommodation required for the purposes of such exhibition, the Board of Agriculture may hold the exhibition in any other suitable place in Lower Canada, willing to provide grounds and permanent

buildings; but afterwards the exhibition shall be offered to the place which would have been entitled to the same if no failure to provide accommodation had taken place.

Municipality providing accommodation to appoint a committee: its powers. 5. Each municipal council, or committee of inhabitants providing accommodation for the purposes of any exhibition as hereinbefore provided, shall be entitled to nominate a committee of five members who, with the Board of Agriculture, shall manage such exhibition; and such committee shall vote with the Board on questions relating to the exhibition only.

Lower Canada divided into four districts for purposes connected with Agriculture. 6. For the purpose of representation in the Board of Agriculture, 10 Lower Canada shall be divided into four districts, composed of such counties, cities and towns as His Excellency the Governor General in Council may direct.

2. Each of the districts shall, by their agricultural societies, annually elect one member to the Board of Agriculture at their annual meetings, 15 in the same manner as at present.

Exhibition to be annual; no distinction as to prizes. 7. The Provincial Agricultural Exhibitions shall be held annually, and no distinction shall be made in the amount of prizes offered in favor of or to the prejudice of any place.

Board of Agriculture to print its transactions, &c. 8. The Board of Agriculture shall cause a statement of their trans- 20 actions, together with a statement in detail of their receipts and expenditure to the end of each year, to be prepared and printed, and a copy in English and one in French to be sent to each society making returns to the Board.

Repealing clause. 9. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby 25 repealed.

Act limited to L. C. 10. This Act shall extend to Lower Canada only.