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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.

WHEREAS it was provided by the Act passed in the 16th year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada,*" that from and after a day therein mentioned, a County Agricultural Society should be organized in each of the then existing counties of Lower Canada upon the conditions and in the manner therein prescribed; And whereas by the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853, and the Parliamentary Representation Amendment Act of 1855, Lower Canada has been divided into new and additional Counties or territorial divisions; and it is therefore necessary to extend the provisions of the first mentioned Act to such new Counties or territorial divisions; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.
16 V., c. 18.

I. All and every the provisions of the said first mentioned Act, are hereby extended to each of the new counties mentioned and referred to in the said Parliamentary Representation Acts, in like manner and to the same effect as if they had existed as separate and distinct counties at the time of the passing of this said first mentioned Act.

Provisions of
16 V. c. 18 ex-
tended to
present Coun-
ties.

II. In every case in which the limits of any such new County coincide with those of any separate Society already organized therein, it shall be lawful for the Bureau of Agriculture, upon an application to that effect from such separate Society, to change the name of such separate Society from that of the Society of the County of (*insert name*), number two (three or four as the case may be), to that of the County of (*insert name*) Agricultural Society; and the said Bureau of Agriculture shall also make such other regulations, orders and alterations touching the name and limits of such separate Societies, as may be adapted to the whole or any one of them, and be best calculated to carry into effect the intention of this Act to such new Counties or territorial divisions.

Bureau of
Agriculture
may change
name of So-
ciety in certain
cases.

III. And whereas it is necessary to make some provision for the encouragement of Horticulture as well in Lower Canada as in Upper Canada: Therefore it shall be lawful for the several Agricultural Societies already established in Upper and Lower Canada, and for those hereafter to be therein established by virtue of this Act, out of the amount to which they may be respectively entitled from the public funds, to place at the disposal of any Horticultural Society which may be formed in the same County, or in any City or Town within the body or ordinary limits of such County, though not within its electoral limits, a sum equal to that

Agricultural
Societies
may grant
money for the
encourage-
ment of Hor-
ticulture.

which may be subscribed for that purpose by the inhabitants of such County, City or Town, and not exceeding £37 10s. to be applied towards defraying the expenses incurred by such Horticultural Societies in promoting the main object of this institution.

Grants for
Upper and
Lower Canada
equalized.

IV. And in order to equalize as nearly as may be, the amount to be paid out of the public funds to the Agricultural Societies of Upper and Lower Canada respectively, the sum to be paid to each County in Lower Canada, for the several Societies established or to be established therein, shall not exceed £200; and until some Legislative enactment shall have been passed adapting the existing Agricultural Acts of Upper Canada to the number of electoral divisions therein, a sum equivalent to any excess which may be paid to Lower Canada over Upper Canada, under this Act, shall be reserved for the several Agricultural Societies of Upper Canada, to be distributed among them in proportion to the sum to which they may be by law entitled and in the manner in which the same is now distributed and paid.

When there
are several So-
cieties in a
County in L. C.

V. Whenever in any County of Lower Canada there may be established more than one Agricultural Society, the sum to which such County may be entitled shall be distributed among the several Societies therein formed, in proportion to the sum subscribed and paid on behalf of each such Society, and shall in no instance exceed three times the amount thereof.

As to sub-
scriptions be-
fore the pass-
ing of this Act.

VI. All sums of money subscribed or paid by any subscriber towards the funds of any Agricultural Society now formed, shall be held to have been subscribed and paid for the benefit of any Society to be formed under this Act, comprehending within its limits the residence or landed estate of such subscriber, and shall be applicable and paid by the Treasurer of the old Society to the Treasurer of the new Society; Provided always, that such new Society shall be formed and go into operation on or before the day of June next.

Constitution
of Horticultu-
ral Societies
to be as those
of Agricultu-
ral
Exceptions.

VII. The several provisions, conditions and restrictions of the said first mentioned Act respecting the formation of Agricultural Societies, are hereby made applicable to the formation of Horticultural Societies, except in so far as relates to the authority to form more than one Agricultural Society in each County, and except also in so far as the same may be altered by this Act.