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An Act to amend an Act intituled: "An Act respecting the Bureau of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies."

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WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Statute of this Province, chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled, "An Act respecting the Bureau of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies," so far as the same affects Lower Canada; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. There may be in each of the Judicial Districts of Lower Canada an Agricultural Society, to be called the District Agricultural Society for the District of (naming it), and the powers of such Society shall extend over and apply to the territorial limits of the Judicial District for which it is constituted.

District Agricultural Societies.

2. Each of such District Agricultural Societies shall consist of a President and Vice-President, to be chosen by the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the several County Agricultural Societies of the counties composing the District, and shall be held to be constituted and organized as soon as the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of such County Societies, or a majority of such Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall, after due notice, to be given by letter addressed and transmitted by post to such Presidents and Vice-Presidents, notifying them that a meeting will be held at the *Chef Lieu* of the District of the said County Societies; by any two or more of the Presidents thereof, have chosen from among themselves a President and Vice-President of such District Agricultural Society, and shall have appointed a Secretary-Treasurer thereof; and the said Secretary-Treasurer shall have made a declaration under oath (to be administered by any Justice of the Peace), that a sum of money, representing not less than two hundred dollars for each of the County Agricultural Societies, has been paid to him.

Who shall be members of such Societies

3. Each of the said District Agricultural Societies shall be a corporation under the name aforesaid, and may have a common seal, and shall have power to make by-laws for its governance, and all the rights and powers incident to a corporation, as also to acquire, possess, hold and enjoy real property in the District, not exceeding _____ acres, nor in value _____ dollars, and to alienate and transfer the same by sale, exchange or otherwise.

Each Society to be a corporation.

Real property limited.

4. All proceedings of such District Agricultural Societies shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present at any meeting thereof, and in the event of an equal division, the President shall have a casting vote; and the members assembled at any special

Proceedings of such Societies.

Quorum. or regular meeting of the Society, after due notice from the Secretary-Treasurer, by order of the President, mailed to the respective addresses of the members, shall be a quorum competent to transact business.

Board of Agriculture, how to be constituted.

5. The Presidents of the several District Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada shall constitute the Board of Agriculture for that section of the Province, of which the Minister of Agriculture shall be, *ex-officio*, a member, as provided by the Act hereby amended; and the said Board of Agriculture shall exercise, in Lower Canada, all the powers now exercised by the Board of Agriculture under the said Act hereby amended, and shall perform all the duties which by law devolve upon the said Board, so far as they are consistent with this Act.

Provincial Exhibitions

6. The said Board of Agriculture may hold a Provincial Exhibition once every five years, but not oftener.

Certain Sections of Can. Stat., L. C., repealed.

7. The sections ten, eleven and twelve of the said Act, chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, so far as the same relate to Lower Canada; and sections seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three and eighty-four, of the said Act, as hereby amended or affected by the enactments herein contained, and sections eighty-five and eighty-six of the said Act, shall apply to the said District Agricultural Societies respectively, and this Act and the said Act shall be, and be read and interpreted as forming one Act.

Application.

8. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.