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

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Statute of this Province, Preamble.

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, &c., enacts as follows:

1. There shall be, in each of the Judicial Districts of Lower Canada, District Agricultural Society. 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.

2. Each of such District Agricultural Societies shall consist of a Who shall be members of such Societies President and Vice-President, to be chosen from among themselves 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 so 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 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 25 dollars for each of the County Agricultural Societies, has been paid to him.

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 30 acres, and in value 5000 dollars, and to alienate and transfer the same by sale, exchange or otherwise. Each Society to be a Corporation.

4. All proceedings of such District Agricultural Societies shall be determined by a majority of 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 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. Proceedings of such Societies.

5. The Presidents of the several District Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada shall constitute the Board of Agriculture for that section Board of Agriculture, how

to be constituted.

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. 5

Provincial Exhibitions.

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

Certain Sections of Con. 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. 15

Application.

8. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.