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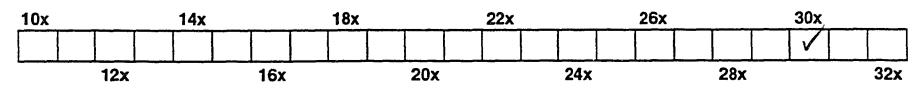
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2nd Session, 7th Parliament, 26 Victoria, 1869

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An Act to amend chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada respecting the Bureau of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies.

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PRINTED FOR THE CONTRACTORS BY HUNTER, ROSE & LEMIEUX, ST. URSULE ST. An Act to amend chapter thirty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled "An Act respecting the Bureau of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make more stringent enactments to de-Preamble. termine and fix the purposes to which Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada may devote the moneys placed in their possession from time to time for the encouragement of agriculture: and whereas it is 5 important that the said Act should be amended in other respects:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for Officers and any Director or officer of an Agricultural Society in Lower Canada to Directors of 10 obtain any money or article from the said Society out of the moneys Societies may

- which shall have been thereto subscribed either by himself or by other any part of subscribers, or out of the moneys allowed by the Government to such moneys of Society, so long as he shall continue to be a Director or officer thereof, Societies. under any pretext or in any manner whatsoever, either directly or in-
- 15 directly, for his own advantage or the advantage of any member of his family; provided always that any officer or Director of an agricultural Proviso. society may take prizes at the exhibitions of the County Agricultural Societies, of which he is at the time an officer or director, by conforming strictly to the same conditions as other competitors at such exhibition, and not otherwise: provided also that the Secretary-Treasurer Proviso.
- 20 may receive his per centage of the amounts really subscribed and the amount of the Government grant really received by him, and no more.

2. All By-laws, restrictions cr other acts passed by the majority of By-Laws, &c., the officers and directors of such societies, in contravention of the precontrary to rest section to be null and void to all intents and purposes

25 3. Any officer or director of an Agricultural Society who shall here-Penalty for after on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, be found contravention guilty of the offence or offences above set forth, shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, and shall further be disqualified to act as President, Vice-President, Secretary30 Treasurer or Director of any Agricultural Society or to be resoluted at the second s

30 Treasurer or Director of any Agricultural Society, or to be re-elected to such offices for the future, and such fact shall render such election null.

4. The first paragraph of the seventy-ninth section of the chapter 1st paragraph above cited is repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: of S. 97 of c. 35 "The said Societies shall hold an annual meeting for the election of ³², Con. Stat. the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and seven Directors whose term of office is expiring, as provided by the next paragraph Now paraof this Act. who may nevertheless be re-elected; the meeting for such graph. election shall be holden on Monday in the third, or at latest on Monday in the fourth week of January in each year and shall be convened by the President, Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer whose term of office is expiring as aforesaid, by a notice appointing the day, hour and place when and where such meeting shall be holden, which notice shall be read and posted up at the doors of the churches or chapels of all the **5** parishes in the County, and when there is no church or chapel then in the most public places in such parish or township, or in a newspaper, if one be published in the County, at least eight days before the day of holding such meeting for the purpose of such election, which notices shall be given by, or under the direction of the said Secretary-Treas-10 urer and on his responsibility.

Meeting, how 5. Such meeting may be presided over by the President or Vice-presided over. President retiring from office, who may nevertheless be re-elected, or by the Warden or a Justice of the Peace, or if none such be present, then by a person appointed by a majority of the meeting.

Right of voting. 6. No one who is not a subscriber to the said society and who has paid his subscription, or who having subscribed his name to the list in schedule C of the said Act, and has been accepted as being indebted to the said society for his share of the subscription by the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be entitled to vote at such election: the certificate of 20 the Secretary-Treasurer binding himself for such subscriber for the payment of his subscription shall be sufficient proof in favor of the voter in case his vote be objected to.

Application.

7. This Act shall form part of the Act hereby amended, but it shall apply to Lower Canada only. 25.