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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 Soci-
eties," so far as the same affects Lower Canada; Therefore, Her Majes-
ty, etc., enacts as follows:

1. There shall be, in each of the Judicial Districts of Lower Canada, District Agri-
cultural So-
cieties.
an Agricultural Society, to be called The District Agricultural Society
for the District of (*naming it*), and the powers of such Society shall ex-
tend over and apply to the territorial limits of the Judicial District for
10 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
15 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
20 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 corpora- Each Society
to be a corpo-
ration.
tion 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
30 enjoy real property in the district not exceeding acres,
and in value dollars, and to alienate and transfer the
same by sale, exchange or otherwise.

4. All proceedings of such District Agricultural Societies shall be Proceedings
of such Socie-
ties.
determined by a majority of votes of the members present at any meet-
35 ing 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.

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. **5**

Provincial Exhibitions. **6.** The said Board of Agriculture may hold a Provincial Exhibition once every five years, but not oftener. **10**

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. **20**