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6 George IV – Chapter 31

An Act to appropriate a certain Sum of Money therein-mentioned for the encouragement of Agriculture.

29th March, 1826. Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved, "for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon."

14th March, 1827. Assented to by His Majesty, in Privy Council.

29th August, 1827. The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a certain Sum of Money for the Encouragement of Agriculture; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, to advance and pay by Warrant or Warrants under his hand a Sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred Pounds current money of this Province, out of the unappropriated Monies in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province for the time being, for the Encouragement of Agricultural Improvement in this Province, for the present year, One thousand eight hundred and twenty six, which said sum shall from time to time be advanced and paid, as deemed necessary, to the Agricultural Societies for the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], and Gaspé, and in the following proportions to each, that is to say, for the uses of the Counties in those Districts respectively, videlicet: Agricultural Society of Quebec, Three hundred and fifty five Pounds, Currency; Agricultural Society of Montreal, Seven hundred and sixty Pounds, Currency; Agricultural Society of Three-Rivers, Eighty five Pounds, Currency; Agricultural Society of Gaspé, Fifty Pounds, Currency; and a further Sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty Pounds for the said Agricultural Society of the District of Quebec; One hundred and fifty Pounds for the said Agricultural Society of the District of Montreal, and Fifty Pounds for the said Agricultural

Society for the District of Three-Rivers, the Sums to be applied by the said Societies respectively for the general purposes thereof.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said monies there may be allowed by the said Agricultural Societies respectively, to any County Agricultural Society formed or to be formed in any County or division of County within the District, such reasonable sum or sums as may be deemed expedient which shall by the said County Agricultural Societies respectively, be expended and applied for Premiums awarded by the Society at Public Exhibitions held and made pursuant to notice given in the most public manner in the County where such exhibitions are to take place, and which shall be held and take place under the superintendance of such County Agricultural Societies.

III. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the allowance to be made to any such subordinate or County Agricultural Society shall be in proportion to the population of such County and not exceed the amount of population of the several Parishes, Townships or Settlements having one or more resident Members in the Committee of Management of such Society, paying an annual subscription towards the funds thereof, not less than five shillings Currency; and that all monies which might be under this Act advanced for the benefit of any County, Division or part of County, but which owing to the want of a subordinate or County Agricultural Society therein shall not therefore be for the present year advanced, but shall remain unexpended, may at any time during the three years next hereafter, be advanced and paid over for the purposes thereof to any such Society that may in the mean time be formed in such County, Division or part of County, in the proportion of the Population of such Division or County, but if no such Society shall be so in the mean time formed, then the money that shall have been reserved for such County, shall there after remain at the disposition of the Legislature.

IV. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no such sum of money shall be advanced or paid over to any such subordinate or County Agricultural Society until such Society shall have undertaken to account to the Agricultural Society of the District for the application of the same, pursuant to this Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said District Societies respectively, may out of the monies hereby appropriated, allow the expenses and disbursements for conveyance only which any of their Members appointed to visit any or all of the subordinate Agricultural Societies in their respective Districts may incur once a year for the purpose of aiding or assisting in the formation or arrangement of such Societies, but that no compensation or allowance of any kind shall be made from or out of the said monies to any member or officer of any such District Society, for any other expenses incurred and disbursed or for any other services performed under any pretext whatever than those above mentioned, by any Member or Officer of any such District Society or subordinate Society, as aforesaid.

VI. And he it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said several District Agricultural Societies may from and out of the Monies hereby appropriated, expend for the purposes following, that is to say; for the expenses of the management, publication, correspondence and accounting of the Society, a sum not exceeding an equal amount to the sum raised by the said Society by voluntary contribution for and towards those purposes.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Members of the Legislature and the resident Clergy, shall be honorary Members of the District Agricultural Society for the District within which they respectively reside, and they shall in like manner be honorary Members of the subordinate or County Societies of the County wherein they may respectively reside, and shall as such be notified in writing of the time and place of the Meeting of such Societies, provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to prevent any such Member of the Legislature or resident Clergyman, from becoming a Member, if he shall so think proper.

VIII. And he it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the several District Agricultural Societies for Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers shall be the only Societies that shall under this Act be acknowledged or recognized as Agricultural Societies for the respective Counties wherein they are respectively established, that is to say, the County of Quebec, the County of Montreal, and the County of Saint Maurice.

IX. And he it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the several District Societies shall report their proceedings with such observations tending to the improvement of the Agriculture of the Province, as they may think proper or useful, and shall account to the Legislature within the fifteen days after the opening of the next Session for the manner in which the monies hereby appropriated, shall have been applied and expended.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His, Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall be pleased to direct.