

Oath to be taken by Assistants of Managers.

V. *And be it further enacted.* That every person whom the said Directors or Managers shall employ in conducting, carrying on, and drawing, the said Lottery, shall, before they enter on such employment, take the following Oath, viz:—I A. B. do swear that I will faithfully and honestly demean myself in all things wherein I shall be employed in conducting, carrying on, and drawing, the Lottery, authorised by an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a sum of Money not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of building a Bridge over the River Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants. So help me God.

Proceeds of Lottery.

Commissioners appointed for building Bridge over Avon River.

VI. *And be it further enacted.* That the net proceeds of the said Lottery shall be applied to and for the erecting a Bridge, of wood or stone and other materials, of a suitable construction, across the river Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants, and to be applied to such purpose by Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council.

Security to be given by Commissioners.

VII. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Commissioners shall give security for the faithful performance of their trust, in the same manner as any other Commissioners are bound, and shall in like manner be accountable to the Legislature for the expenditure of the Monies they may receive for the purpose.

Payment of proceeds of each Class to Treasurer.

VIII. *And be it further enacted,* That the proceeds of each class of the said Lottery shall, previous to the drawing the respective classes, be paid by the Commissioners to the Treasurer of the Province; to be drawn from thence by Warrant from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

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IX. *And be it further enacted,* That, within three months after the commencement of the drawing of the first class of the Lottery, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, who shall be appointed to erect the said Bridge, or the major part of them, to commence building the same, which said Bridge shall be so constructed as to admit, at suitable times of the tide, the passage of ships or vessels up and down the said river.

His Majesty's assent required.

X. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be in force or effect, until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known thereon.

CAP. XIII.

An ACT for the encouragement of Agriculture, and Rural Economy, in this Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, impressed with a conviction of the necessity and propriety of encouraging and promoting a new system of Rural Economy, have formed Agricultural Societies in the several Counties and Districts of this Province; and Whereas, the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, for the purposes of giving permanence to these Societies, and for upholding their Spirit, and guiding their exertions,

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by the desire, and under the immediate patronage, of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of DALHOUSIE, the Lieutenant-Governor, have formed a Central Board of Agriculture in the said Town of Halifax, by the name of THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, and have subscribed, and paid, large sums of Money for furthering the objects of such Institution; and Whereas, it is deemed expedient to grant to the said Central Board a Legal Constitution, and to connect the same with such Societies as are already formed, or which may be hereafter formed, within this Province for the purpose aforesaid:—

I. *BE it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of this Province, to Incorporate the Honorable Michael Wallace, the Honorable Brenton Haliburton, the Honorable James Stewart, and the Honorable Thomas Nickleson Jeffery, Members of His Majesty's Council, Simon Bradstreet Robie, Samuel George William Archibald, William Lawson, Henry Hezekiah Cogswell, the Reverend Doctor John Inglis, the Reverend Benjamin Gerrish Gray, Lawrence Hartshorne, Rufus Fairbanks, Peter McNab, John Pryor, John Prescott, Samuel Albro, Thomas Boggs, Matthew Richardson, William Pryor, John Stayner, and Samuel Lydiard, Esquires, the Committee of the said Central Board already chosen, and the President of one Agricultural Society, in each and every County and District in the Province, to be designated by a Certificate from the Custos Rotulorum of such County and District, respectively, and all and every other person and persons to be hereafter duly chosen agreeably to the directions of this Act, to be one Body Politic and Corporate, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all Courts and places within the said Province; and that they, or the major part of them, shall have power, from time to time, to chuse, from among themselves or otherwise, their President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers, as, by the said Letters Patent, shall be directed, and to make Bye-laws, Rules and Ordinances, for the regulation and general management of the concerns of the said Society, and to assemble together when and where, and upon such notice, as to them shall seem meet for the purposes aforesaid.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every person or persons, who have already subscribed and paid, or who shall hereafter subscribe and pay, the sum of twenty shillings, yearly, to the said Board, shall be and become a Member thereof, and be entitled to vote at the General Meetings of the said Society.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the several persons herein before named, except the Presidents of the Agricultural Societies as aforesaid, shall remain in Office for and during the period of one year from the date of the said Letters Patent; at the expiration of which time, and annually thereafter, five of the said Members, except the Presidents aforesaid, shall go out by seniority, according to such rules as shall be established by the said Letters Patent, and five others be chosen in their room from the Members of the said Board. *Provided,* That nothing herein contained, shall prevent such Members, so going out as aforesaid, from being re-elected to the said Office after the period of two years from their so going out of Office as aforesaid.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be, at least, two stated Meetings of the said Board, annually, one of which shall always take place, and be held, during the sitting of the

Central Board.

Members.

Change of Officers.

Meetings of Central Board

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the Legislature; and that all the Members of His Majesty's Council, and of the House of Assembly, shall be Honorary Members of the said Central Board.

Offices. V. *And be it further enacted,* That all Offices in the said Society, excepting the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer, shall be Honorary, and discharged without pecuniary compensation.

Compensation to Secretary and Treasurer. VI. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary and Treasurer shall be paid such salary and compensation for their respective services, as shall be allowed by the Committee, annually, upon consideration of the several duties by them performed.

Appropriation of Funds. VII. *And be it further enacted,* That the funds of the said Society, whether the same shall arise from private subscriptions or donations, or from Provincial Grants, shall be appropriated exclusively, to the Agricultural Improvement of the Province, under the management of Directors to be appointed by the said Members to be incorporated as aforesaid, agreeably to the Votes of the Members of the said Board in their General Meetings; which Directors shall inspect the Treasurer's Accounts from time to time, and shall account to the Legislature for the expenditure and application of all such sums of Money as may be granted by the Province to the said Society for the purposes aforesaid. *Provided always,* That all sums granted to the said Board by the Province, shall be applied agreeably to the votes of the Members of the said Board in their Annual Meeting to be held during the sitting of the Legislature.

Proviso.

Correspondence. VIII. *And be it further enacted,* That the Directors, chosen by the said Members of the said Board so incorporated as aforesaid, and the Secretary, shall open and carry on a correspondence with the several Agricultural Societies already formed, or which may be formed, in this Province, for the purpose of communicating to them all important information on the subject of Agriculture which the said Central Board shall obtain by foreign correspondence, or otherwise, and also for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the state and condition of the several Counties and Districts as respects their agricultural improvement and other matters connected therewith.

Publication of Agricultural information.

IX. *And be it further enacted,* That the said persons so incorporated as aforesaid, shall, from time to time, publish such information as they may receive, either from foreign parts or from the proceedings of the several Societies with which they are connected in this Province, and circulate the same for the purpose of directing the enterprise of the farmers of this Province, into that course of proceeding which may appear to them most conducive to the general prosperity; and shall also be at liberty to rouse the emulation, and stimulate the exertions, of all classes, by offering judicious Premiums from time to time for agricultural improvement; and shall also, from time to time, make such importation of the most improved implements of Husbandry, and also of Seeds, and Live Stock, as may be judged by them best suited to the soil and climate of this Province, and to distribute the same among the several Counties and Districts, to be disposed of in such way as they may order and direct.

Premiums.

Importation of Seeds, &c.

Continuation of Act.

X. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue in force for the period of seven years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer.