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1 George IV – Chapter 5

**An act further to encourage Agriculture in this Province. (17th March, 1821.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a further sum of money for the encouragement of Agriculture in this Province:—We, therefore, Your Majesty's Most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Lower-Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, beseech 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 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 and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, out of the un-appropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, to advance from time to time, for the encouragement of Agriculture for the present year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, a sum not exceeding in the whole, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, currency.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that of the monies hereby appropriated, the sum of eight hundred pounds shall be applied for the District of Quebec, eight hundred pounds for the District of Montreal, four hundred pounds for the District of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières] and one hundred pounds for the Inferior District of Gaspé, according to the dispositions of the Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, chapter sixth.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Societies which already are established in the Cities and Montreal, and in the Town of Three-Rivers, may take such measures as they may deem expedient to encourage and promote the formation of Auxiliary Agricultural Societies, under the sanction of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, in the several Counties throughout their respective Districts, and may allow them a portion of the monies hereby appropriated in proportion to the extend of the County for which such Auxiliary Agriculture Societies are formed, not exceeding the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, currency, to any one such Auxiliary Agriculture Society.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Societies in the said Cities and Town, shall not advance any such of money to any Auxiliary Agriculture Society in their respective Districts, unless the same shall conform in every respect to the requirements of the above-mentioned Act of the fifty-eighth year of his late Majesty's reign, and of the present Act, nor until such

Auxiliary Agriculture Societies shall have submitted a statement of the monies by them respectively intended to be employed as premiums, gratifications or otherwise, and the sums so to be advanced shall be regulated, in proportion to the exertions of such Auxiliary Agricultural Societies to accomplish the purposes of the said Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that each of such Auxiliary Agricultural Societies may, from the monies aforesaid, allow premiums according to the above-mentioned Act, and to such farmers, who maintained their lands the best in order with respect to ditches and drains, and in the cultivation of the fields and meadows, and whose stock of cattle excel either in kind or in the number thereof.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Society for the Inferior District of Gaspé, duly sanctioned by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being as aforesaid, shall proceed and be regulated as other Agricultural Societies in this Province, and may allow moderate premiums to such as may clear and cultivate the most land in the second and other rear concessions in any Township or place in any part of the said Inferior District.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Auxiliary Agricultural Societies in the several District, shall transmit in the course of the month of November next to the principal Society for the District, in the City of Quebec and Montreal, and Town of Three-Rivers, respectively, a statement of their rules and proceedings and of the progress they have made, pursuant to this Act, and of the monies by them respectively expended in virtue of the same with such further observations, tending to the promotion and encouragement of Agriculture, as they may judge expedient.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Societies in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal and in the Town of Three-Rivers and in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, shall render and account to the three branches of the Legislature in the course of twenty days after the opening of the ensuing Session, of the monies by them respectively advanced and expended under this Act, and of their proceedings, accompanied with such information as may tend to the encouragement of Agriculture.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no part of the monies by this Act appropriated, shall be by any of the Agricultural Societies in this Province paid for, or on account of the salary of any Secretary or writer to any Agricultural Society, or for travelling expenses, nor for any other expence whatever of any such Agricultural Society, expenses, for stationary and printing, alone, excepted.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the money herein-approved, the sum of four hundred pounds, currency, may by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, be, on the recommendation of the said Agricultural Societies expended in the purchase of books on Agriculture, and in the purchase of seed grain, and for such models of the best and most approved implements as may be useful to

agriculture and to the industry of the Province, and for such useful purposes as he may deem most conducive to the knowledge and encouragement of Agriculture.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of all monies expended in virtue of this Act, 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 direct.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be noticed by all the Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.