

Compensation to Commissioners.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners intrusted with the expenditure of the said several and respective sums of money, shall for their time and trouble be allowed to retain at and after the rate of five per centum out of the said money so intrusted to them respectively, together with a reasonable compensation for actual labour and work performed by them on the said several Roads and Bridges.

Money to be expended on or before the first day of October.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall expend the said several and respective sums of money on the Roads on or before the first day of October; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Commissioner from expending monies after the first day of October, where it shall be necessary to expend the same for building Bridges, removing rocks, stumps, trees, or other obstructions.

No money to be expended on alterations not recorded.

VI. And be it enacted, That none of the before-mentioned sums of money, or any part thereof, shall be laid out or expended in the making or improving any alteration that may be made in any of the said Roads, unless such alterations shall have been first laid out and recorded.

Commissioners to enter into Bonds for due performance of duties.

VII. And be it enacted, That all persons who may be appointed Commissioners for the expenditure of money hereinbefore granted, and before entering upon the duties of his office, shall respectively enter into a Bond to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to the satisfaction of the Executive Government, for the due performing his duty as such Commissioner, and the faithful expenditure of and due accounting for such monies as shall come into his hands as such Commissioner.

### CAP. XXXV.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

*Passed 14th April 1849.*

Preamble.

‘WHEREAS the Science of Agriculture demands encouragement from the Revenues of this Province;

Governor in Council authorized on application to issue a Treasury Warrant for treble the amount, not less than £25 nor more than £50, raised by any County Agricultural Society.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That whenever any Agricultural Society heretofore constituted, or which may hereafter be formed in any County in this Province, shall make it appear, by Certificate under the hand of the Treasurer of such Society, that a sum not less than twenty five pounds has been actually subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer by the Members of such Society, and the President of the said Society shall make application, enclosing the said Certificate, to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, for aid in supporting the said Society, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the Province, in favour of the Treasurer of the said Society, for treble the amount that shall have been so subscribed and paid as aforesaid; provided always, that the annual sum to be granted to each County shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds currency.

District Agricultural Societies may receive in like proportion, not exceeding £200 in the aggregate for the County.

II. And be it enacted, That in any case where there are several Agricultural Societies in any County of this Province, each and every such Society shall be entitled to receive in like proportion to the amount subscribed and paid, and certified as aforesaid; provided always, that the whole sum granted to the District Societies of any County together shall not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds in each year.

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III. And be it enacted, That each Agricultural Society shall and may elect such officers and make such bye laws for their guidance as to them shall seem best for promoting the interests of Agriculture, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

Societies authorized to appoint their officers and make bye laws.

IV. And be it enacted, That any Agricultural Society which shall receive the said allowance from the Public Treasury shall offer annually, by way of premiums, or shall apply otherwise at their discretion, for the encouragement or improvement of agriculture or manufactures, a sum not less than the amount actually received as aforesaid out of the Public Treasury; and they shall also transmit to the office of the Provincial Secretary, on or before the first day of January annually, a statement of their proceedings in relation to the expenditure of such monies, specifying the nature of the encouragement proposed by the Society, and the objects for which their premiums have been offered, and to whom they were awarded, and shall accompany the same with such general observations concerning the state of agriculture and manufactures in the Province as they may deem important and useful.

Societies to disburse in Premiums, &c., not less than the amount received from the Treasury;

And transmit to the Provincial Secretary's Office a statement of their proceedings.

V. And be it enacted, That any Agricultural Society which shall neglect in any year to comply with the foregoing provisions shall forfeit its claim to the Legislative Bounty for the year next succeeding.

On failure, Society to forfeit claim to next year's Bounty.

VI. And be it enacted, That all Agricultural Societies may, by their officers, define and fix bounds of sufficient extent for the erection of their cattle pens and yards, and for convenient passage ways to and about the same, on the days of their cattle shows and exhibitions, and also for their ploughing matches, within which bounds no persons shall be permitted to enter or pass unless in conformity with the regulations of the said Societies respectively.

Societies authorized to define bounds for pens, &c., on cattle show and other exhibition days; and make regulations.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any person shall, contrary to the regulations of any of the said Societies, and after notice thereof, enter or pass within the bounds so fixed, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten shillings, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace who shall have jurisdiction thereof; and all fines so recovered shall be paid over by the said Justice of the Peace to the Treasurer of the County for the use of the County.

Penalty for breaches.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize any such Societies to occupy or include within the bounds which they shall fix for the purposes aforesaid the land of any person without his consent, or to occupy any public street or highway in such a manner as to obstruct the public use thereof.

Private rights and passage on public highways reserved.

IX. And whereas it is deemed advisable to hold out encouragement for the establishment of an Agricultural School in the Province; Be it therefore enacted, That so soon as it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, that an Agricultural School has been established, and has been in operation in any County of this Province for the period of one year, and that the average attendance at such has not been less than twenty, that proper instruction has been given in Agricultural Chemistry, and in the different branches of Husbandry, and practically applied in the cultivation and management of a portion of land in connexion with the said School, and that there has been subscribed and paid towards the support of the said School a sum not less than twenty five pounds, then it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to issue his Warrant upon the Treasurer of the Province in favour of the Teacher of such School for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds.

Encouragement to the establishment of an Agricultural School.

Limitation.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

## CAP. XXXVI.

An Act for the adjustment of certain outstanding Bonds to the Crown.

*Passed 14th April 1849.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS large sums of money are now due to the Province upon Bonds given to the Crown by persons who have cut Timber upon vacant Crown Lands, either in excess of Licence or without any Licence : And whereas it is highly desirable that the Executive Government should be authorized to make a settlement with the persons so indebted, upon just and equitable principles ;

Obligors in Bonds for Timber Duties to be relieved upon payment of such sum as may be adjudged by the Governor in Council, after inquiry and hearing.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That any person or persons who at any time heretofore may have given Bonds to the Crown for excess of Timber cut upon Crown Lands with Licence, or for any quantity of Timber cut without Licence, or under the five year Leases, in all cases where such Bonds are still due and unpaid, shall and may be relieved from the payment of such Bonds upon payment and satisfaction of such sum or sums of money as shall be awarded, adjudged and determined by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, after full inquiry and hearing ; and the said Bonds, and each and every of them, upon such payment and satisfaction being made, or without any payment, if it shall be so determined, shall be cancelled.

Commencement of Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation until the first day of September next.

## CAP. XXXVII.

An Act to provide for the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint John.

*Passed 14th April 1849.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is believed that the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint John, will be productive of very beneficial effects to the Province, and it is deemed advisable to authorize an annual appropriation from the Revenues of the Province for that purpose ;

Governor in Council authorized to draw from the Treasury and expend £2000 per annum during continuance of this Act, in improving the Navigation of the Saint John.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That for the purpose of improving the Navigation of the River Saint John, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to draw by Warrant from the Province Treasury from time to time, such sum or sums of money as may be required, not exceeding the rate of two thousand pounds for each and every year during the continuance of this Act, and lay out and expend the same or such part thereof as may be found necessary in improving the Navigation of the River Saint John, and making such surveys and explorations preparatory thereto or connected therewith as may be deemed necessary.

Authority to appoint persons to survey the River and execute the works.

II. And be it enacted, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, shall have full power and authority to appoint such and so many persons for the purpose of surveying the said River or any part