

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1817. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1817.

57 George III – Chapter 5

An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land. Passed the 22d of March, 1817.

Whereas the allowing of Bounties on Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, Barley and Oats, will tend to the encouragement of agriculture in this Province.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That there shall be allowed and paid for every Bushel of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, Barley and Oats, which shall be raised on any new Land in this Province, within two years from the time when the wood growing thereon shall have been cut down, burned or cleared off, and the said Land be laid down with grass seed or prepared for a second crop, the following Bounties, namely, for every Bushel of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn or Buckwheat, the sum of one shilling; for every Bushel of Barley, eight-pence, and for every Bushel of Oats four-pence.

II. And be it further enacted, That to entitle any owner or occupier of Land to the foregoing Bounties, he shall first take the following Oath, the same to be set down in writing and his name thereto subscribed, namely,

I do swear that _____ bushels of _____ were really and truly raised on the Land occupied by me, and are actually of the Crop of the year _____ and that the wood was cut down, burnt or cleared off from the Land on which the same was raised within two years previous to the time that the said Crop was taken off, which said Oath shall be made before any Justice of the Peace of the County wherein such person shall reside, who is hereby authorised to administer the same, and which Oath shall be accompanied by a certificate of such Justice, that he verily believes the facts stated therein to be true.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and maybe lawful for the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties at their General Sessions or at any Special Sessions holden for that purpose, first giving six weeks previous notice of such Special Sessions to determine and settle all claims for Bounties given by this Act, and they shall determine the same on the Oath and Certificate hereinbefore required to be made being produced before them, or on the Oath of the person claiming the Bounty, being made before them at such General or Special Sessions, and shall certify in one general Schedule all such claims as they shall then and there allow, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Province.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, to draw by Warrant on the Treasurer, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, the amount of such Schedules in favor of the General or Special Sessions, which shall certify the same, and to be by them paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Bounties shall be paid under and by virtue of this Act, until the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for three years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.