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7 George IV – Chapter 19

An Act for granting Bounties on Grain raised on new land. Passed the 7th of March 1826

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

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That there shall be allowed and paid for every Bushel of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Buck-Wheat, 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, burnt, and 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 Merchantable Wheat, Rye, and Indian Corn, the sum of one shilling, for every Bushel of Merchantable Buck-Wheat and Barley, nine pence, and for every Bushel of Merchantable 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, A. B, do swear, that _____ Bushels _____ the same being cleaned and measured, and of a good Merchantable quality, 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 and cleared off, from the Land on which the same was raised within two years previous to the time the said Crop was taken off, and they were of the first and only Crop of Grain, raised on Land from which the Wood was so cut down, burnt and cleared off, as aforesaid; and that the Land is laid down with Grass-Seed, or prepared for a second Crop; and that some respectable Farmer, shall, also, make Oath, that he was present and saw the said Grain duly measured, that it was clean and of a good and Merchantable quality and that he verily believes it was grown in manner set forth in the affidavit of the applicant for the said Bounty; which said Oaths shall be made before any Justice of the Peace, of the County wherein such person shall reside, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, and which Oaths shall be accompanied by a certificate of such Justice, that he verily believes the facts stated therein, to be true, for which said Oaths and certificates, no fee or reward, shall be taken by the said Justice.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be 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 Oaths and certificate herein-before required to be made, being produced before them, on the Oath of the person claiming the Bounty, and of some respectable Farmer as aforesaid, 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, on or before the first day of

September, in the year next after the time when the Grain therein mentioned, shall have been harvested.

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 favour of the Clerk of the Peace of the County, to be by him paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

V. And be it further enacted, That no person or persons, shall be entitled to any of the Bounties allowed in and by this Act, unless the quantity of the different lands of Grain, so raised by such person or persons, and for which the said Bounties are claimed, shall amount in the whole to ten Bushels.

VI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend to invalidate any claims for Bounties on Grain, raised on new Lands, under and by virtue of an Act, "to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land," passed the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and an Act, to explain an Act passed the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, which Acts will expire at the end of this Session.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the thirty-first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.