

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1846.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1846.

9 Victoria – Chapter 52

**An Act to provide for the necessities occasioned by the failure of the Potato Crop during the past year. Passed 14th April 1846.**

Whereas from the failure of the Potato Crop during the past year, it is deemed expedient to place a sum of money at the disposal of the Justices of the Peace in their respective Counties, to assist new Settlers and other persons in procuring Seed the ensuing Spring;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That there be granted to the Justices of the Peace in the following Counties, that is to say:

The County of

Carleton, two hundred and twenty five pounds;  
York, one hundred and fifty pounds;  
Charlotte, three hundred pounds;  
Kings, two hundred pounds;  
Saint John, two hundred pounds;  
Westmorland, three hundred pounds;  
Albert, one hundred pounds;  
Kent, two hundred pounds;  
Northumberland, three hundred pounds;  
Gloucester, two hundred pounds;  
Restigouche, one hundred pounds;  
Queens, one hundred and fifty pounds;  
Sunbury, one hundred pounds; to be by them applied in affording assistance to poor Settlers and other persons in procuring Seed Potatoes the ensuing Spring.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices at any General Sessions, in their respective Counties, or at any Special Sessions of the Peace for that purpose to be holden, at which not less than three fifths of the number of Magistrates of the County shall be present, to appoint fit persons in their respective Counties for the distribution of the said sums of money, for the purpose contemplated by this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That all persons obtaining relief under the provision of this Act, shall give an obligation to the Treasurer of their respective Counties, promising to pay the said sum which may be loaned to them, during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, in labour on the Roads, under the direction of the Commissioner who may be appointed by the Sessions of the respective Counties for that purpose.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said obligations shall be returned to the respective County Treasurers, and shall be kept by them until the same shall be repaid, or a certificate of labour performed to that extent upon the Roads of their respective Counties.