

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1847. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1847.

10 Victoria – Chapter 32

An Act to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp. Passed 23rd March 1847.

Whereas it is believed that the climate and alluvial lands of this Province are favourable to the growth and manufacture of Hemp, and it is expedient to encourage the cultivation of that article by granting a Bounty on the same;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That for the encouragement of the growth of Hemp in this Province, there shall be applied, distributed and paid in Bounties yearly, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds per annum out of the monies now remaining in or hereafter to be in the Treasury, at and after the rate of ten shillings for every hundred weight of Hemp to be raised within this Province, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight and forty seven, and in every subsequent year during the space of five years, and which shall be broken and properly prepared for Market, to be paid to the grower or other person who breaks and properly prepares such Hemp for Market.

II. And be it enacted, That the grower or person claiming, and who shall be entitled to the said Bounty, in order to entitle himself or herself thereto, shall first take and subscribe the following oath, the same to be set down in writing, that is to say:—

'I, A. B., of _____, in the County of _____, do swear that _____ hundreds weight of Hemp, broken and properly prepared for Market, and of a good merchantable quality, were really and truly raised on the land occupied by me in the Parish of _____, in the County of _____, and that the same is actually the crop of the year _____, and that no other person, to my knowledge or belief, has applied for, or received any Bounty on the same.

(Signed) A. B.

Sworn before me at _____, this _____ day of _____, 184__ and I verily believe the statements therein set forth.

C. D., Justice of the Peace.'

And some credible Witness shall also make oath in writing, subscribed by his name, and annexed to the said affidavit, in the form following, that is to say:—

'I, E. F., of _____, in the County of _____, do swear that I was present at _____ on the _____ day of _____, and did see the Hemp mentioned in the annexed affidavit, duly and fairly weighed, that it was previously broken and properly

prepared for Market, and that I verily believe it was grown in all respects as set forth in the said affidavit.

(Signed)

E. F.

Sworn before me at _____, this _____ day of _____.

C. D., Justice of the Peace.’

Which said affidavits shall be made before any Justice of the Peace of the County where such applicant shall reside, who is hereby authorized to administer the same.

III. And be it enacted, That every such affidavit shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace of the proper County, at least six days before some General Session of the Peace of the same, and it shall be the duty of such Clerk of the Peace to arrange the several applications in a tabular form, contraining the names and residences of the parties applicant, the names of the Magistrates before whom the affidavits had been made, the quantity of, and the Parish in which the Hemp is stated to have been raised, with the several amounts of Bounty claimed; and shall submit the same, together with the said affidavits, unto the Justices assembled at such General Sessions of the Peace: and the said Justices shall thereupon order and direct that she said table, together with the said affidavits, shall be publicly read in the said Court, in the presence and hearing of the Grand Jury, and shall determine and settle all such claims, and shall certify in one general Schedule all such claims as they, the said Justices, shall then allow, and shall within six days after the rising of such Court, transmit such Schedule to the Office of the Secretary of the Province.

IV. And be it enacted, That 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 Her Majesty’s Executive Council, to draw by Warrant on the Treasury for the gross amount of the Bounties as set forth in the said Schedule, together with the sum of five per centum on the same, in favor of the Clerk of the Peace, such sum of five per centum to be by him retained for his trouble, and the residue to be by him forthwith paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

V. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall be entitled to any Bounty under the provisions of this Act, unless the quantity of Hemp broken and properly prepared for Market as aforesaid, and for which he, she or they shall claim the Bounty, shall amount to one hundred weight, and in settling claims no Bounty shall be allowed by the Justices for any fractional portion less than a quarter of a hundred weight.

VI. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall be guilty of false swearing in any matter or thing connected with this Act, with intent or design to defraud the Treasury, such person or persons so offending, shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of the Law, for wilful and corrupt perjury.