

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1849. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1849.

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An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture. Passed 14th April 1849.

Whereas the science of Agriculture demands encouragement from the Revenues of this Province;

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 and 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 favor 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.

II. And be it enacted, That in any case where there are several Agricultural Societies in any County of this Province, each and every 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.