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Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1850. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1850.

13 Victoria – Chapter 62

An Act to incorporate "The New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce throughout the Province," and to regulate and provide for the same. Passed 26th April 1850.

Whereas James Robb, Robert Chestnut, Robert D. James, Robert Jardine, James Brown, Calvin L. Hatheway, William Foshay, Allen C. Evanson, the Honorable William Crane, William M'Leod, Francis Ferguson, Dugald Stewart, Charles Perley, Thomas Gilbert, James S. Beek, John A. Beckwith, Joseph Gaynor, Thomas R. Barker, William H. Odell, Frederick W. Hatheway, William Watts, Senior, the Honorable Lemuel A. Wilmot, David S. Kerr, George Todd, Constantine Connelly, John T. Smith, James Taylor, James A. Maclauchlan, Henry Fisher, and numerous other inhabitants of the Province, have lately formed themselves into a Society, called "The New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce throughout the Province," which Society is intended to improve the condition of the above important branches by all practical and effective means that may be available for the purpose: And Whereas it is deemed advisable to obtain an Act of Incorporation for the more efficient working of the said Society;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Ι. James Robb, Robert Chestnut, Robert D. James, Robert Jardine, James Brown, Calvin L. Hatheway, William Foshay, Allen C. Evanson, the Honorable William Crane, William M'Leod, Francis Ferguson, Dugald Stewart, Charles Perley, Thomas Gilbert, James S. Beek, John A. Beckwith, Joseph Gaynor, Thomas R. Barker, William H. Odell, Frederick W. Hatheway, William Watts, Senior, the Honorable Lemuel A. Wilmot, David S. Kerr, George Todd, Constantine Connelly, John T. Smith, James Taylor, James A. Maclauchlan, Henry Fisher, their associates and successors, be and they are hereby erected into a Body Corporate, under the name of "The New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce throughout the Province," and shall have and enjoy all the powers made incident to Corporations by the fifth section of an Act of the General Assembly of the Province made and passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled An Act to prescribe certain general regulations in respect to Corporations; provided always, that the first meeting of the said Society, under and by virtue of this Act, shall on due notice thereof be held on the first Wednesday in July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty; and provided also, that the persons who are now office bearers of the Society shall continue to act for the periods for which they have been appointed, or until others be chosen in their place agreeably to the laws and regulations of the said Society.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever the said Society shall make it appear by certificate under the hand of the Treasurer of such Society, that a sum not less than one hundred pounds has been actually subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer by the members of such Society, and the

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President of the said Society shall make application, enclosing the said certificate, to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, for aid in supporting the said 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 favour of the Treasurer of the said Society for double the amount that shall have been so subscribed and paid as aforesaid; provided always, that the annual sum to be granted to such Society shall not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds currency.

III. And be it enacted, That if the said Society shall receive the said allowance or any part thereof from the Public Treasury, it shall offer annually by way of premiums, or shall apply otherwise at its discretion, for the encouragement of the objects of the said Society, a sum not less than the amount actually received out of the Public Treasury, and it shall also transmit to the Office of the Provincial Secretary, on or before the first Thursday in January annually, a statement of its proceedings in relation to the expenditure of such moneys, specifying the nature of the encouragement proposed or given by the said Society, and the objects for which its premiums have been offered and paid, and to whom they were awarded and given, and shall accompany the same with such general observations concerning the state of agriculture, home manufactures and commerce throughout the Province, as may be deemed important and useful.

IV. And be it enacted, That if the said Society shall neglect in any year to comply with the foregoing provisions, it shall forfeit its claims to the Legislative bounty for the year next succeeding.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Society may by its officers define and fix bounds of sufficient extent for holding of an annual show and fair, or other exhibition for carrying out the objects of the said Society, in such place as the said officers may select and appoint, with convenient passage ways to and about the same, on the days for holding the said show and fair, or other exhibition as aforesaid, within which bounds no person shall be permitted to enter or pass, unless in conformity with the regulations of the said Society.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall, contrary to the regulations of the said Society, 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 said Society, towards the funds of the said Society.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Society to occupy or include within the bounds which it may fix for the purpose 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.

VIII. 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 two.