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**An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Board. Passed 13th April 1859.**

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Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. There shall be a Provincial Board of Agriculture, which shall be a body politic and corporate, and by that name have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly of this Province.
2. The Provincial Board of Agriculture shall consist of a member from each County to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, three members to be appointed by the Governor in Council, and one to be appointed by the Board; every member so elected or appointed shall continue to be members until others are elected or appointed in their stead.
3. The certificate of the first election of members of the Provincial Board shall, immediately after such election, be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary, and all subsequent elections to the Secretary of the Provincial Board.
4. Five members of the Provincial Board shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. The members of the Provincial Board shall be annually elected on or before the thirty first day of December in each year, by the Agricultural Society of each County, in such manner as the Society may prescribe; if there is more than one Society in any County, the President and Vice Presidents of the several Societies shall elect the member: If any County fails to elect, the Governor in Council shall appoint one of the Representatives for such County in the General Assembly a member.

6. The Provincial Board shall annually meet during the Session of the Legislature for the transaction of business, and oftener if required.
7. The Provincial Board shall elect a Chairman, and appoint a Secretary, who shall be a member of the Board, and any other necessary officers, define their duties, and fix their salaries.
8. The Provincial Board shall annually report a statement of their doings, a digest of the returns of the several Agricultural Societies, with such statistics as they may be able to collect, accompanied with such suggestions and recommendations as the interests of Agriculture may appear to require, together with a detailed account of the expenditure, for the purpose of being laid before the Legislature, and shall cause the same to be printed at the expense of the Government, and ready for circulation within ten days after the opening of the Legislature.
9. The Agricultural Societies in the different Counties shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Provincial Board, and shall account thereto; and the Provincial Board shall from time to time make rules and regulations for the government of such Societies.
10. A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds shall be allowed annually to defray the expenses of the Provincial Board, which shall be drawn by Warrant of the Governor in Council on the Treasury, on the certificate of the Secretary.
11. The Provincial Board shall at such time as they shall appoint, and once in every third year thereafter, provide for the holding of an exhibition of agricultural products and manufactures, and the expense of which, to the extent of seven hundred and fifty pounds for every such exhibition, shall be paid from the Treasury, by Warrant of the Governor in Council, on the certificate of the Secretary.
12. Any number of persons not less than forty, who shall each subscribe at least five shillings, and the sum of fifteen pounds or more in the whole, and in all other respects comply with the provisions of the first Section of 'An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture,' passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, so far as they are applicable, shall be and are declared to be a body corporate, and entitled to all the privileges and immunities of a Society of sixty persons formed as in that Section is prescribed.
13. No money shall hereafter be paid to any County or District Society under the provisions of the third and fourth Sections of 'An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture,' passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, unless the Secretary of the Provincial Board certify to the Governor the amount such Society is entitled to, and the apportionment shall be made in the manner therein prescribed by the Provincial Board.
14. Every County or District Agricultural Society shall transmit to the Secretary of the Provincial Board a copy of its bye laws, and the Provincial Board may within twelve calendar months thereafter disallow the same, or any of them.

15. The Treasurer of every County or District Agricultural Society shall annually transmit to the Secretary of the Provincial Board, a copy of the detailed statement of the amount of income and expenditure of the Society, provided in the eighth Section of the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and the report and estimate required by the ninth Section of the said Act.

16. Whenever on the trial of any issue joined it may be necessary to prove the incorporation of any County or District Agricultural Society, proof that the defendant dealt with the Society as a Corporation, or a certificate of the Provincial Secretary, or the certificate of the Secretary of the Provincial Board, or of the Secretary of the County or District Society, that the returns required by the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture have been duly made, shall be evidence of the legal existence of the Corporation; and the Provincial Board of Agriculture shall, without further proof, be deemed to be legally incorporated.

17. So much of 'An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture,' as is inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, shall be and is hereby repealed.