

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 2

**An Act for ascertaining the Census of the Population of this Colony, and other statistical information.
(Passed 23rd April, 1845.)**

Whereas an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, entitled “An Act for ascertaining the Census of this Colony, and other statistical information;” And Whereas it is expedient to repeal the said Act, and to make other provision for ascertaining the Census of the Population of this Colony:

- I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that the said recited Act passed in the sixth year of his said late Majesty's Reign, entitled “An Act for ascertaining the Census of this Colony, and other statistical information,” be, and the same is, hereby repealed.
- II. And be it further enacted, that there be granted to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, the sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be appropriated in procuring returns of the population of this Colony, and other statistical information, in manner hereinafter prescribed.
- III. And be it further enacted, that for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, to sub-divide the several Electoral Districts of the Colony into so many divisions as may be deemed expedient, and to appoint so many competent persons to take the Census, within the said districts respectively, as may in that behalf be necessary; and every person, so appointed, shall discharge the duties required of him in such division of the district to which he shall be appointed, as may be prescribed by the Governor, and shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, be sworn, before one of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to the true and faithful discharge of the same; and shall, while engaged therein, conform in all respects to the orders and directions of the Governor in that behalf: Provided always, that in taking the Census of the District of Fortune Bay, the same be extended as far to the Westward as to Cape Ray.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that every person so appointed as aforesaid, shall make a Return with respect to the division of any district to which he may have been appointed, of the information particularized in the Schedule hereunto annexed; and such Return shall be compiled within such times within the present year, as the Governor, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, may, in that behalf, direct; and that for the purpose of such compilation and return, it shall and may be lawful for every person so appointed as aforesaid, and he is hereby required within his division as aforesaid, to visit every house, and enter into and upon any lands or tenements, in the day time as often as occasion may require, and then and there to ask and obtain of and from all persons whomsoever, such information as may be necessary for accurately tilling up the several columns in the said Schedule contained.

V. And be it further enacted, that the said sum of One Thousand Pounds hereinbefore granted to Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the purposes aforesaid, shall and may be expended and appropriated towards the remuneration of the several persons so to be appointed as aforesaid and towards carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, in such manner as the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Council, may direct.

VI. And be it farther enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, to appoint one or more Stipendiary Magistrates in each of the several District aforesaid, to examine and review the returns of the persons so to be appointed as aforesaid in the said districts respectively; and such persons shall, on such examination and review, answer upon oath all such questions as may be put to them by the said Stipendiary Magistrate or Magistrates; and that if, upon such examination and, review, it shall appear to the said Magistrate or Magistrates that any such returns are imperfect, defective or erroneous, it shall and may be lawful for the examining Magistrate or Magistrates to examine Witnesses and so direct the person or persons presenting the same to amend such defect, error or imperfection, previously to such returns being certified, as hereinafter mentioned.

VII. And be it further enacted, that every person so to be appointed; to take the Census in any division of any district of the Island aforesaid, shall, at least six days preceding the day on which the said Court of Revision shall be holden, furnish to the Clergyman or Minister of each religious denomination who shall reside within such division, a Copy of the Schedule as filled up by him for such division:

Provided always, that in any division of any district where there shall not be any resident Clergyman or Minister aforesaid, a copy of the said Schedule so filled up, shall be furnished, at least six days preceding the day on which such Court of Revision shall be holden, to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Bishop or head of such religious denomination, to receive the same.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that upon being satisfied of the general correctness and sufficiency of any such return as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the examining Magistrate to certify under his hand that such return is to the best of his knowledge and belief, sufficient and correct; and such Certificate shall, together with the said return, be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary by the person who shall have compiled such return, by a day in that behalf to be appointed by the Governor or Administrator of the Government, in such directions as aforesaid.

IX. And be it further enacted, that every adult member of any family who shall refuse to answer, or shall knowingly answer falsely, any question put for the purpose of obtaining such information as aforesaid by the person appointed to obtain such information, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be recovered, with costs, in a summary manner, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace; and that in default of payment thereof it shall be lawful for such Justice to commit the offender to Gaol for any period not exceeding ten days.

	Heads of Families.		SCHEDULE.
	No. in each Family.		
	Professional Men, and Persons not otherwise described.		
	Planter, Fisherman, or Shoreman.		
	Tradesman.		
	Farmer.		
	No. of Dwelling Houses.		
	MALES.	Under Fourteen Years of Age.	
		From Fourteen to Seventy Years of Age.	
		Over Seventy Years of Age.	
	FEMALES.	Under Fourteen Years of Age.	
		From Fourteen to Seventy Years of Age.	
		Over Seventy Years of Age.	
	OF WHAT RELIGION.	Protestant Episcopalians.	
		Roman Catholics.	
		Presbyterians.	
		Wesleyans.	
		Congregationalists.	
		Protestants of other Denominations	
	NO. AND DENOMINATION OF CHURCHES	Protestant Episcopalians.	
		Roman Catholics.	
		Presbyterians.	
		Wesleyans.	
		Congregationalists.	
		Protestant of other Denominations	
	No:		

		SCHOOLS.	
		Conducted by Masters	Male Pupils.
		Conducted by Mistresses.	Female Pupils.
		Conducted by Masters	Male Pupils.
		Conducted by Mistresses.	Female Pupils.
No. Sealing Vessels, specifying Tonnage.			
No. Banking Vessels, specifying Tonnage.			
		NO. FISHING BOATS.	From 4 to 15 Qtls.
			From 15 to 30 Qtls.
			30 Quintals and upwards.
Number of Cod Seines.			
Number of Sealing Nets.			
Acres of Land in Possession.			
Acres of Land in Cultivation.			
		ANNUAL PRODUCE.	Barrels of Potatoes.
			Bushels Oats, and other Grain.
			Tons of Hay.
			Tons of Straw and Fodder.
Number of Horses.			
Ditto bred in this Island.			
Number of Neat Cattle.			
Ditto bred in this Island.			
Number of Goats.			
Number of Hogs.			
Number of Sheeps.			
Miscellaneous.			

SCHEDULE.