

CAP. XLV.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Lower Canada Agricultural Society.

[24th July, 1850.]

WHEREAS serious inconvenience has arisen from its being provided by the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Lower Canada Agricultural Society*,—that, at any meeting of the Directors held according to the By-laws of the Society then in force, any nine of the said Directors, of whom the President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall be one, shall be a *quorum* for the transaction of the business of the Society,—and, from its being provided by the said Act, that, at any special general meeting of the members of the Society, fifty shall form a *quorum*, and it is expedient to remedy the said inconvenience: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, any five Directors of The Lower Canada Agricultural Society shall be a *quorum* for the transaction of the business of the said Society, at any meeting of the Directors held in conformity to the By-laws of the Society then in force; and that at any special meeting of the members of the Society called in the manner provided by the said Act of Incorporation, any fifteen members of the said Society shall be a *quorum*; and so much of the sixth and ninth sections of the said Act of Incorporation as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed.

Preamble.

10 & 11 Vic. c. 60.

Quorum of Directors.

Of Members.

Repeal.

CAP. XLVI.

An Act to allow the Members of County Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, to be elected in any year, after the period fixed by law.

[10th August, 1850.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to allow the Members of County Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada, to be elected after the time now fixed by law for that purpose: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That for and notwithstanding any thing in the third Section, or in any other part of the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in Lower Canada by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein*, the election of the Members and Officers of any County Agricultural Society in Lower Canada may be held in the present or in any future year, at any time before the first day of October, in like manner and with like effect as if held in the month of February, as provided by the said Act: and the Members and Officers elected in any year shall hold office until the time when their successors shall be elected in the year next following.

Preamble.

Act 8 Vic. c. 53,
amended, as to periods
of election.

II. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding any default to elect the Members and Officers of any County Agricultural Society in Lower Canada, during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, such Society shall be held to have been in existence during the said year, and to have been composed of the Members and Officers thereof elected in and for the then preceding year; and such Society shall be entitled and

As to defaults to elect
in the year 1849.

and be held to have been entitled to all allowances out of the public moneys, and all other benefits and advantages of the said Act, in like manner as if such Members and Officers had been elected in the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, for the said year.

CAP. XLVII.

An Act to relieve Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, from the obligation to obtain Special Licenses in order to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in Lower Canada.

[24th July, 1850.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature, that the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, has been accustomed and continues to appoint from year to year certain Ministers of the said Church to labour as Missionaries and Pastors in Lower Canada; and whereas the Ministers of the said Church are authorized by law to solemnize Matrimony, register Baptisms and perform all the functions of their Office in Upper Canada; and whereas it is desirable that those of them who are now labouring or who shall from time to time labour in Lower Canada, be relieved from certain disabilities and inconveniencies to which they now are liable and be authorized to keep in due form of law, Registers of all such Baptisms, Marriages and Burials as shall by such Ministers be performed: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any regularly ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada having a regular established circuit with a congregation or congregations under his care in Lower Canada, to have and keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials according to the laws of Lower Canada; Provided always, that every such Minister who shall neglect to keep or deposit any Register required by this Act, shall be subject for such neglect to the penalties imposed by law in Upper Canada upon such Minister for neglecting to make an annual return to the Clerk of the Peace of his County, of the Marriages solemnized by him in such County.

Ministers of Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada may keep registers.

Proviso.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act unless he shall deposit with the Prothonotary of the Superior Court in the District where he shall have charge of a congregation or congregations in Lower Canada, a copy certified on oath before such Prothonotary of the certificates, of his ordination and authority to solemnize Matrimony in Upper Canada, and also a certificate from the President for the time then being of the said Conference, to the effect that he is a Minister of the said Church in good standing, and such certificates shall be filed of record in the Office of such Prothonotary, who shall furnish to such Minister, a certificate of such record, and for filing such certificates in his office, and for furnishing a certificate of the same, the Prothonotary shall be entitled to Two Shillings and Six Pence currency, and no more.

Preliminaries to be observed by such Ministers.

Duplicate to be left for the use of the congregation.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That whenever the connection between any such Minister, and such circuit with a congregation or congregations shall cease, the duplicate of the Register shall be the property of such circuit, and shall be deposited with the Recording Steward thereof, to be kept by the successor of such Minister, for the use of such congregation or congregations.

Registers how deposited after removal of Minister.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That such Registers after the removal of such Ministers from the city, town, township or place in which they may have respectively officiated and kept such Registers, shall be deposited with their respective successors in Office, or in case there shall be no such successors with the Prothonotary

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