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An Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in Upper Canada. (29th March, 1845.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the science of Agriculture demands encouragement from the Revenues and People of Upper Canada: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it 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 when any Agricultural Society for the purpose of importing valuable live stock, or whatever else might conduce to the improvement of Agriculture, shall be constituted in any District in Upper Canada, and shall make it appear, by certificate under the hand of the Treasurer of such District Society, that the sum of not less than twenty-five pounds has been actually subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer by the several Agricultural Societies of such District, and paid into the hands of the said Treasurer, and the President of the said Society shall make application, enclosing the said Certificate to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, for and in support of the said Society, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government in this Province, to issue his Warrant to the Receiver General in favour of the Treasurer of the .said Society for treble the amount that shall have been paid or subscribed in such District ag aforesaid: Provided always, That the annual sum to be granted to each District shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, currency.

II. And be it enacted, That in the event of there being County, Riding, or Township Agricultural Societies established, there shall not be more than one County or District Society in each Comity or Riding of any District within this Province, and a proportion of the District Bounty shall and may be granted to each County, Riding or Township Agricultural Society, and paid to them by the District Society in proportion to the money that each County, Riding or Township Agricultural Society shall have subscribed: Provided nevertheless, that the whole sum granted to the District and Comity Societies together shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in each year.

III. And be if enacted, That in the event of more than fifty pounds being subscribed by the several Societies in any District, the said grant of two hundred and fifty pounds shall be divided to each Society in due proportion according to the amount of their subscriptions, respectively.

IV. And be it enacted, That each Agricultural Society shall and may elect such Officers and make such By-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.

V. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer's account of the receipts and expenditure of the preceding year shall, after the first year, always accompany the application for grants in aid of the said Agricultural Societies.

VI. And be it enacted, That when County, Riding, or Township Societies shall have been established in any District, the Treasurer of such County, Riding or Township Societies shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, pay over in current money of this Province, the amount subscribed by the said Societies into the hands of the Treasurer of the District Agricultural Society, who shall then make an abstract of the sums subscribed in the said District in the following form.

ABSTRACT OF SUMS OF MONEY SUBSCRIBED BY THE SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN THE _____ DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED _____.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.	Amount subscribed by		
	£.	s.	d.
Total.....			

These are to certify that the sum of _____ has been paid into my hands, in current money of this Province, by the several Agricultural Societies in the _____ District, as above stated.

Given under my hand, at _____, the _____ day of _____ Eighteen hundred

Certified,

_____, Treasurer.

_____, President.

VII. And be it enacted, That the monies hereby granted and paid under this Act shall be accounted for to Her Majesty through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in such manner and form as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors shall be graciously pleased to direct.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if the Treasurer of any Township Society shall on or before the first day of July in each and every year, pay any sum of money into the hands of the Treasurer of the District or County Societies, he shall be entitled to receive the same again so soon as the Legislative grant shall have been received with a proportion of the Legislative grant equal to the amount so

paid, or in proportion to what shall fall to their share upon an equal division being- made in proportion to the sums paid in by the several Societies in the District or County.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of each such Society shall annually transmit to the three branches of the Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, a report of its proceedings showing the amount of the subscriptions received in the course of the year, and the amount received out of the public chest, the expenses of the Society, the names of the persons to whom it shall have granted premiums, the objects for which such premiums were obtained, and all such other observations and information as he shall deem likely to tend to the improvement of Agriculture.