

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1846. Montreal:  
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**An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in Lower Canada, and for the relief of the Society for the County of Montreal. 23rd May, 1846.**

Whereas from the great extent of some Counties in Lower Canada, and other local circumstances, it hath been found expedient to authorize the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in that portion of the Province: 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 after the passing of this Act, two, but not more than two Agricultural Societies, may be organized in and for any County in Lower Canada, to each of which and to the formation thereof, all the provisions 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*, shall apply, except in so far as it may be otherwise provided by this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That in dividing any County so as to form two Agricultural Societies therein, such County shall be so divided that the extent of country and the population included in each division may be as nearly equal as may be found practicable; Provided that each Parish or Township shall be wholly included in one or in the other of such divisions, and shall not be itself divided: and the persons who shall vote at elections of members of each such Society, respectively, or who may be elected as members thereof, shall be those Subscribers of five shillings or upwards per annum towards the funds of such Society, who shall be resident in the division of the County for which such Society shall be constituted.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the sums to be paid out of the public money to both the Agricultural Societies in any County, shall not together exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, currency; and provided also, that no member of one of the Agricultural Societies in any County shall be at the same time a Member of the other, excepting always Honorary Members.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That each of the Agricultural Societies in any County may in its turn, and subject to the requirements and provisions of the Act first above cited, become the District Society of the District in which the County is situate, and the two Societies in any County shall respectively be distinguished, in assigning their corporate names, as "The County Agricultural Society number one (or number two, as the case may be) of the County of \_\_\_," the elder Society being number one.

V. And whereas, The County Agricultural Society of the County of Montreal, having been the District Society for the District of Montreal for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five, it appears that a certain sum of money remained in the hands of the Treasurer when the Society ceased to be such District Society, the same having been appropriated by the Society for the purchase of certain implements which had not been obtained in time, and the said Society hath prayed to be allowed to retain the same, and to appropriate it to the purposes of the Society, which prayer it is expedient to grant: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Society to retain any balance of public monies remaining in the hands of its Treasurer at the time it ceased to be such District Society as aforesaid, and to apply the same at any time before the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, for the importation of animals, grain, seeds, or agricultural implements of improved kinds, which shall thereafter be the property of the said County Society, and not of the District Society; any thing in the Act first above cited to the contrary notwithstanding.