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An Act for the incorporation of The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada. 28th July, 1847.

Whereas it has been represented to the Legislature, that certain persons hereinafter named, and others, within that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada, have formed themselves into an Association called The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, for the purpose and with the object of more effectually improving the condition of Agriculture, Horticulture and the Household Arts in that part of the said Province, and generally for the purposes for which Agricultural Societies are formed; and that the said persons have contributed and promised to contribute considerable sums of money for such purposes; And whereas it would tend greatly to improve the state of Agriculture and promote the interests of the Agricultural community, and the people generally, by facilitating the means of carrying out the objects and purposes of the said Association, to form the same into a body corporate and politic, with the usual powers, liabilities and immunities of such bodies; for the better attaining the purposes aforesaid, 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, 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 the Honorable A. Fergusson, the Honorable W. B. Robinson, the Honorable H. J. Boulton, the Honorable R. Baldwin, the Honorable J. A. E. Irving, Frederick Widder, E. W. Thomson, W. B. Jarvis, Henry Ruttan, W. H. Boulton, J. W. Gamble, W. E. Edmundson, W. A. Baldwin, Skeffington Connor, Joseph C. Morrison, J. H. Price, Francis Boyd, J. M. Strachan, Joseph Beckett, Charles E. Small, Clarke Gamble, James Buchanan, J. G. Worts, John Sanderson, Malcolm Cameron, Donald Bethune, W. P. Howland, Benjamin Thorne. W. Hume Blake, and Robert Cooper, Esquires, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, and their successors, together with all such other persons as shall hereafter from time to time become members of the said Association according to the provisions of the Constitution which is hereunto appended or of such Constitution as the said Association shall at any time hereafter lawfully adopt and be governed by, — shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic in name and in deed, by the name and style of The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, and by such name the said Association shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to change, alter, break, or renew the same as often as they shall judge expedient; and that they and their successors by the same name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any Court of Record or other place of judicature; and they and their successors by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in Law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain all messuages, lands, tenements and immoveable property, money, goods and chattels and moveable property which have been or hereafter shall be paid, given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for, or in favour of the said Association, and for the uses and purposes for which

the said Association is formed, and which are or may be defined or regulated by or under the Constitution of the said Association, and to do, perform and execute all and every lawful act and thing useful and necessary for the purposes aforesaid, in as full and ample a manner to all intents, constructions and purposes as any other body politic or corporate by law may or ought to do; Provided always, that the said Association shall at no time hold or possess in fee simple, real estate to a greater value than ten thousand pounds.

II. And be it enacted, That the Constitution hereunto appended shall be and is hereby declared to be the Constitution of the said Association, and for that purpose is to be taken as a part of this Act until altered in accordance with the provisions for that purpose in the said Constitution specified, and provided that notice of the meeting of the said Association at which such alterations are to be made, be first given in the Upper Canada Gazette and some other newspaper published in the City of Toronto, at least six weeks before such meeting shall be held, and the Constitution as so altered shall be then taken as a part of this Act, for all purposes, in like manner as the said Constitution now hereunto appended: Provided, such alterations be set forth in the Annual Report first made after the time of making such alterations, and be published in the Upper Canada Gazette and one other newspaper published at the said City of Toronto, for at least six weeks previous to the time at which the said alterations are to take effect.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.

Constitution.

First. The Title of the Association shall be: The Agricultural Association of Upper Canada.

Second. The members of the Association shall be persons subscribing annually to the funds of the Association to the amount of five shillings and upwards.

Third. Those persons who shall subscribe to the amount of two pounds ten shillings and upwards, shall be constituted Life Members of the Association.

Fourth. The Association shall be governed by a body of Directors, that is two from each District in Upper Canada, to be appointed by the several District Agricultural Societies; and such Directors shall meet annually for the election of Officers and the transaction of the business of the Association, and in the event of no such Directors being appointed from any District, then the President and Secretary of the Agricultural Society for such District shall be, *ex officio*, the Directors for such District.

Fifth. The Directors shall elect from among themselves a President, two Vice- Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, at their Annual Meeting, who shall hold office until the election of their successors at the Annual Meeting which shall be held on the day succeeding the Annual Show, at

ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the said officers shall be eligible for re-election, with the exception of the President, who shall hold office for one year only.

Sixth. The funds of the Association shall consist of such sums as shall be raised by the voluntary subscriptions of the members of the Association, of fees collected at the Agricultural Show, and of such funds from the various Agricultural Societies as may by them be appropriated for the purpose, and of every future grant which may hereafter be obtained from the Provincial Parliament.

Seventh. That the object of the Association shall be the improvement of Farm Stock and Produce; the improvement of Tillage and Agricultural Implements, and other like matters, and the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, of useful inventions applicable to Agricultural or Domestic purposes, and of every branch of Rural and Domestic Economy.