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CAP. XXIII.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Section.

1. Cap. 38 Rev. Stat. Title 3, 17 V. c. 7, 18 V. c. 33, 22 V. c. 10, and 23 V. c. 46, repealed, with certain exceptions.
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Section.

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Schedules A, B, C.

Passed 23rd April 1862.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, and the Provincial Board of Agriculture;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That the thirty eighth Chapter of the Revised Statutes, Title the third, 'Of the encouragement of Agriculture;' and also an Act made and passed in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture*; and also an Act made and passed in the eighteenth year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture'*; and also an Act made and passed in the twenty second year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Board*; and also an Act made and passed in the twenty third year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act relating to Agriculture*; be and the same are hereby repealed, saving always their effect in regard to any act or deed done or granted prior to the date of this Act coming into operation; and the Provincial Board of Agriculture, and all Agricultural Societies established under the said Act, or either of them, shall subsist and continue, notwithstanding the repeal of the said Act; and the said Provincial Board and the said Societies shall be subject to and may avail themselves of the provisions by this Act, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been incorporated under this Act.

2. Whenever forty persons or more, in any of the Counties of this Province, shall associate themselves together as an Agricultural Society, and shall subscribe and pay, in sums of not less than five shillings each, the gross amount however not to be less than fifteen pounds, to be applied for the improvement of agriculture and domestic manufactures, and shall subscribe the declaration, letter A in the Schedule of this Act contained, and shall cause a copy of the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Province, they shall thereupon become a body corporate, by such name as they shall designate,

with all the privileges and obligations incident to Corporations by law; but such privileges shall continue to each Society respectively so long only as it shall consist of forty members or more, and which members shall annually subscribe or raise and pay in as aforesaid, the sum of at least five shillings each in furtherance of the objects of the Society, as hereinafter set forth; provided nevertheless, that not more than four such Societies shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of this Act in any one County, and that no Society shall go into operation under the provisions of this Section without the previous sanction of the Provincial Board of Agriculture.

3. The object of such Societies shall be to encourage the production, cultivation, and improvement of seeds, vegetables, and fruits; to promote the introduction of improved stock, implements of husbandry, better system of culture, management of bees, improvements in farm buildings, farm arrangements, and domestic manufactures; to hold shows, ploughing matches; and exhibitions, to award premiums for excellence; to collect and diffuse information on all subjects connected with agricultural, horticultural, and floral pursuits; to solicit and receive donations; and generally by every legitimate means to elevate the agricultural character of their respective districts.

4. The Agricultural Societies already established, as also any other Societies hereafter to be organized under the provisions and requirements of this Act, shall be respectively entitled to receive annually in the manner hereinafter provided, as a bounty, treble the amount of the subscription by them severally so made, raised, and paid in; but no County shall be entitled to receive a greater sum in the aggregate than two hundred pounds in any one year, and the aggregate sum which any County may be entitled to receive, shall be apportioned among the several Societies within the same, where there are more than one, in just proportion according to the amount of the subscription made, raised and paid in by such Societies respectively; but the annual sum to be drawn for each County, where there is but one County Society, shall not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds.

5. Every Agricultural Society shall elect such and so many officers, and in case of death, absence, or refusal to serve, elect others in their stead, and make and ordain such bye laws for its government, and the establishment and regulation of its several meetings, and the times and places at which such meetings shall be held, as it may deem expedient for conducting the business of the Society, and for the maintenance of order and the promotion of the objects of the Society, as set forth in the third Section of this Act; a copy of which bye laws shall be forthwith transmitted by the President of the Society making the same, to the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Agriculture hereinafter mentioned, and the said Provincial Board of Agriculture may, within twelve calendar months thereafter, disallow such bye laws, or any of them.

6. In the disposal of seeds, stock, implements, or other property imported by any Agricultural Society, such articles shall not be sold for less than the true cost and charges of the same, unless the same shall be sold at public auction, of which at least ten days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement, at which all persons present shall have a right to bid and compete, whether members of the Society or not.

7. The Treasurer of every Agricultural Society at least once in every year, shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Agriculture hereinafter mentioned,