

THE AGRICULTURAL BILL.

A BILL FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:—

1. Where the words following occur in this Act they shall be construed as hereinafter mentioned unless a contrary intention appears.

(a) "The Department" shall mean the Department of Agriculture of this Province.

(b) "The Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Agriculture of this Province.

(c) "District" shall mean a District as defined in Schedule "A" to this Act.

(d) "The Farm" shall mean the property now owned and administered by the Provincial Government and heretofore known as the Government Stock Farm.

(e) "The Professor" shall mean the Professor of Agriculture appointed under this Act.

(f) The word "Society" shall mean Farmers' Institute and Agricultural Society.

2. The Commissioner shall administer the affairs of the Province and the monies

granted by the Legislature from time to time for the encouragement of Agriculture and the dissemination of Agricultural information, and it shall be his duty.

(a) To take measures for the formation of Societies throughout the Province.

(b) To receive the accounts and reports of such societies, and before granting the certificate hereinafter mentioned to entitle them to participate in the Provincial Grant to see that they have complied with the provisions of this Act.

(c) To take measures to obtain from other countries the animals of new and improved breeds, new varieties of grains, seeds and vegetables and other Agricultural products for general and equitable distribution in the several districts; and to adopt practicable measures generally to promote improvement in stock raising, dairying, horticulture and other branches of Agriculture.

(d) To provide for the introduction of the best breeding stock to the Farm and the proper annual distribution of the surplus stock from the farm throughout the Province and

(e) To make a report annually of the work of his Department during the past year to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the information of the Legislature.

3. Societies not exceeding 30 in number and not exceeding three in any electoral district may be organized in any district as the Lieut. Governor in Council may define not mentioning Charlottetown, Georgetown and Summerside, wherever fifty or more persons shall become members by signing a declaration in the form in Schedule "A" to this Act and paying each not less than fifty cents annually to the funds thereof, provided always that the amount required to be so paid shall in no case be less than Forty Dollars for any one society.

A true copy of such declaration shall within one month after the money has been so paid be transmitted to the Commissioner.

4. The objects of such Institutes or Societies shall be to promote the dissemination of Agricultural Education and information, the introduction of improved stock, farming implements, new varieties of seeds, fruits and roots, improved methods of cultivation of the soil, orchard cultivation and improvement of farm buildings and to furnish yearly approximate statistics of crops produced and acreage under crop and monthly crop reports during the growing season from their respective Districts. The funds of such Societies and the Public grant thereto shall not be expended for any object inconsistent with those herein mentioned.

5. The Annual Meeting of such Societies shall be held in the month of December in each year when they shall each elect by ballot a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and also five Directors.

6. The officers and Directors appointed at the formation of such Societies or at any Annual Meetings shall until the election of their Successors at the next Annual Meeting exercise all the powers vested in the Societies by the Act.

7. The Officers and Directors may hold Special Meetings pursuant to adjournment or on written notice from the Secretary which notice shall be given six days before the day appointed for any such meeting and five members shall be a quorum.

8. The said Officers and Directors may at any such meeting make, alter or repeal by-laws and rules for the management of the Society, but such by-laws or rules or the repeal thereof shall have no force or effect until approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

9. Such officers and Directors shall in addition to their ordinary duties of management present at the Annual Meeting in December a report and statement of the proceedings of the Society during the year in which report shall be stated the names of all the members of the Society, the amount paid by each, together with such remarks upon the Agriculture of the District as they may be enabled to offer; and also a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year; such statement if approved by the meeting shall be entered in the Journal or Minutes of the Society, and a true copy thereof certified by the Secretary under oath before a Justice of the Peace to be correct shall be sent to the Commissioner not later than the tenth day of January following. The said Officers shall also furnish to the Commissioner an approximate statement showing the acreage under various crops and of the product of such acreage within the District, and also send to the Commissioner monthly estimates of the average condition of such crops in the months of June, July, August and September in each year.

10. The Annual Meeting of the society shall decide whether or not the funds of society shall be expended or partly expended in Institute work and the Secretary shall within ten days thereafter report such decision to the Commissioner, together with a request for lectures on such subjects as the Society may require; Provided a sufficient number of Societies and not less than ten in number, shall decide to use the fund or part thereof in Institute work. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to arrange for lectures and instruction to such societies and generally to take such steps as may be necessary for the ensuring of the success of such Institute work.

11. When any society shall be so organized and shall in all respects comply with the terms of this Act, it shall be entitled to draw annually from the Provincial Treasury by cheque in favor of its President and on the certificate of the Commissioner, the sum of Fifty Dollars, in addition to any grant thereto from the

Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

12. Out of the money annually appropriated by the Legislature for Agricultural purposes, there shall be set apart the sum not exceeding \$2,000 dollars which shall be applied to the payment of grants to such Societies as is provided for in the preceding section.

13. The subscriptions of such Societies shall for the purposes of this Act be the ordinary annual subscriptions paid into the funds of the Society for its general purposes, Special subscriptions for Exhibitions, for the purchase of seeds, for ordinary crop purposes or for any other special purpose shall be set forth in a separate statement and not included in the list of subscriptions upon which the government grant is claimed.

14. Societies that may be formed shall not be deemed to be organized under this Act unless or until they have been fully recognized and sanctioned by the Department. And Societies that have not been in operation or have not made returns to the Commissioner required by section three of this Act before the tenth day of July of each year shall not be entitled to draw any portion of the Provincial grant for that year.

15. Any new Society having forwarded the Declaration required by the third section of this Act, before the tenth day of July in any year and being recognized and sanctioned by the Department shall draw its share of the yearly Provincial grant under Sections eleven and twelve of this Act.

16. Any Society failing to make returns to the Commissioner as required by the ninth Section of this Act, shall forfeit its claim to any share of the Provincial grant to Societies for the year then closed.

17. In case of any difficulties arising as to the boundaries of any such Societies the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall define the same.

18. The Commissioner of any person on his behalf may at any time inspect the books and accounts of any Society in the Province receiving government aid in connection with Agriculture; and all officers of every Society whenever required so to do shall submit its books and accounts to such inspection, and truly to the best of their knowledge answer all questions put to them in relation thereto or to the funds of the Society.

19. The affairs of the Farm shall be administered by the Department.

(a) A station for the breeding of cattle and other animals of the most improved breeds, by the introduction from time to time of imported stock. The surplus or increase of such stock as shall not be required on the farm shall be distributed by lot for sale by auction throughout the different counties of this Province, so that each County shall receive a fair and equitable proportion of the said surplus.

(b) As a station for conducting experiments in the various branches of Agriculture and Horticulture in so far as may be found expedient and practicable under the direct supervision of the Professor.

20. Any suits for the money now due or owing to the Commissioners of the Government Stock Farm or that may become due or owing to the Department for the sale of animals or of products of the Farm or otherwise, or any suit for the recovery of damages arising to the Department in respect to the Farm or otherwise shall be brought in the name of "The Commissioner of Agriculture."

21. The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint an officer to be styled the Professor of Agriculture, who shall receive such salary as may be fixed by an Order in Council. He shall give instruction in scientific Agriculture to students in the Prince of Wales College, and shall lecture to Associations of Farmers and Societies on Agricultural subjects. He shall also act as Superintendent of Societies, as Secretary to the Department and perform generally such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commissioner.

22. The Professor at the close of each year shall make a full report in writing to the Commissioner for the information of the government showing in detail how the Farm has been managed, the results of any experiments conducted for publication, the condition of the Stock, the distribution of the increase or surplus thereof and all other information necessary for a proper understanding of the manner in which the farm has been managed during the year.

23. Chapter nine of the Act of the General Assembly of this Province made and passed in the forty-fourth year of the Reign of Her late Majesty and all Acts in amendment thereof are hereby repealed.

Under section 23 the management of the Stock Farm comes under the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Rogers said that at the request of Mr. Irving recognition would be given to horticulture by insertion of a paragraph. The bill was then reported and agreed to with certain amendments.

A Bill to incorporate the North Bedeque Hall Company was read a third time.

Great Victory.

BARNABY RIVER, N. B. Mar.—Few cases of illness and recovery have excited the interest in this community, as has the kidney trouble of Mr. Cornelius Crotchie.

Mr. Crotchie's treatment by the doctors at home and in the hospital, and the fact that they absolutely gave him up as a case beyond all hope, is well known. His subsequent restoration by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills reads like a miracle. "For five years I have suffered off and on with kidney trouble. Last fall I had an attack, for which the doctors had little hope of my recovery. I was obliged to go to the hospital for treatment, but it did me no good, so I came home given up by the doctors. A friend suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills. From the first box I improved. Now I am at my work every day."

WANTED AT ONCE.—Three or four girls to learn the millinery at Weeks & Co. 10c.

DON'T WANT JAIL BIRDS.

WOODSTOCK, April 13.—The military authorities declined to enlist George McDonald and George Millon, two men given a chance by the magistrates of enlisting in the Halifax regiment or going to jail. Military authorities say they can get all the men required without enlisting jail-birds and drunks.

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"About thirteen years ago I had an attack of rheumatic fever. While recovering I took a cold and had a relapse which ended in inflammatory rheumatism, and was laid up two years. I was also greatly afflicted with sleeplessness, and my doctor said I would not live to see my thirtieth year. While almost giving up in despair your Paine's Celery Compound was recommended to me. I bought a bottle and used it, and to my surprise it gave me natural sleep and rest. After using six bottles I was entirely cured."

C. W. A. WAR IS OFF.

MONTREAL, April 12.—The war between the C. W. A. and the Canadian cyclists association has been declared off. The former will absorb the latter association and control cycle racing. Point A. A. A., of Montreal, will secure the Dominion meet.

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Dear Sirs.—For some years I have had only partial use of my arm, caused by a sudden strain. I have used every remedy without effect, until I got a sample bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT. The benefit I received from it caused me to continue its use, and now I am happy to say my arm is completely restored.

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I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, and have used many remedies without success. I have just received a sample bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT, and after using it a few days I feel much better. I am sure it will cure me.

NATIVES INJURED.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, April 12.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York landed here to-day and were accorded an enthusiastic reception. While the receptions were in progress a wind storm swept over Colombo and a number of natives were injured near the royal pavilion.

RECENT ROBBERIES IN NATAL.

PIETERMARITZBURG, April 10.—An hotel-keeper and four railway men have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one to two years for being concerned in the robberies of goods in transit by rail. The judge remarked that it was a notorious fact that there had been robberies on an enormous scale on the railway.

THE GAINSBOROUGH HAT.

LONDON, April 10.—Mme. Louise and other fashionable milliners are quoted as expressing the opinion that, in consequence of the recovery of the Duchess of Devonshire portrait, the Gainsborough hat will again become the rage for women's headgear.

To let—partly furnished for the summer season that desirable tenement being part of Inkerman Cottage, usually occupied in summer by Mrs. Beer. Apply to Dr. Beer or Mrs. Beer, King Square. 10c

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DUNSWORTH, April 10.—The Boers in this district laugh at the idea of their being starved into surrendering and say that they have not yet found it necessary to dig up buried food, biscuits and tinned meats. They assert that no matter how much De Wet may use the sjambok, they will never enter Cape Colony again having had a terrible experience there.

TO CURE GRIPPE IN TWO DAYS

Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause

A HIGH LINEN TRUST.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Information concerning the formation of what amounts to a gigantic trust embracing every linen-spinning concern on the Continent of Europe has reached the state department in a report from United States Consul Mahin, at Reichenberg, Austria. The object is believed to be to steady, and possibly to enhance to price of linen yarn.

St. John, April 12.—This evening the Baptist church at Fredericton decided to extend a call to Rev. H. McDonald, now principal of the Baptist seminary at Wolfville, and formerly pastor of the Amherst church. The vacancy was caused by the call of Rev. J. D. Freeman, to German street, St. John.

Salts rheum, or eczema, with its itching and burning, is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. So are all other blood diseases.

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