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## 5. AGRICULTURE AND ARTS.

## CHAPTER 45.

An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture.

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Department of Agriculture Act*. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 1. Short title
2. In this Act, Interpretation.
  - (a) "Department" shall mean the Department of Agriculture.
  - (b) "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Agriculture.
3. The Department of the Government of Ontario known as the Department of Agriculture is continued and shall be presided over by a member of the Executive Council who shall be known as the Minister of Agriculture. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 3. Department of Agriculture continued.
4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a Deputy Minister of Agriculture and such other officers and clerks as he may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 4. Deputy Minister.
5. Subject to the provisions of *The Executive Council Act*, the Minister shall have the direction and control of Powers of Minister. Rev. Stat. c. 13.
  - (a) the administration of the laws relating to agriculture in all its branches;
  - (b) the collection of statistics and the management of the Bureau of Industries;
  - (c) The Ontario Agricultural College;
  - (d) The Ontario Veterinary College;
  - (e) farm forestry;
  - (f) immigration and colonization;
  - (g) inspection of factories and shops;

(h) the administration of statutes respecting stationary engineers;

and shall have and perform such other functions, duties and powers as may be assigned or transferred to him by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 5.

Expenditure of appropriations.

6. Where an appropriation is made by this Legislature for or in respect of any matter under the management, direction or control of the Department or of the Minister, the same shall be expended by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Act regulating the same or, if there are no such provisions, in accordance with the direction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 6.

Power to acquire land.

7. When authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the Minister may acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise land or buildings for the purposes of the Department. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 7.

Annual report by Minister.

8. The Minister in each year shall submit to the Lieutenant-Governor a report of the proceedings of his Department during the next preceding year, and such report shall be laid before the Assembly forthwith, or, if the Legislature is not at the time in session, then within thirty days after the commencement of the next session thereof. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 8.

#### BUREAU OF INDUSTRIES.

Object of Bureau.

9. There shall be attached to the Department a Bureau to be styled "The Bureau of Industries," for collecting, tabulating and publishing industrial information for public purposes. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 9.

Appointment of secretary and other officers.

10. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a Secretary of the Bureau, and may also appoint such other officers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Bureau. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 10.

Collection and publication of information.

11. It shall be the duty of the Minister to institute inquiries and collect useful facts relating to the agricultural and other industrial interests of Ontario, and to publish the same in such manner as he deems best adapted to promote improvement within Ontario; and to procure and publish early information relating to the supply of grain, bread-stuffs and live stock in the other Provinces of the Dominion, in Great Britain, and in the United States and other foreign countries in which the Province finds a market for its surplus products, and as to the demand therefor; and the Minister shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, cause to be published and distributed for the use of the members of the

Assembly, the general report and the tabular abstract for the next preceding year, made by the Secretary to the Minister as provided by section 12. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 11.

**12.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary, under the instructions of the Minister, to conduct all correspondence of the Bureau; to send to the proper officers and persons of whom such service is required the schedules with instructions approved by the Minister for the collection of facts and information relating to agriculture and other industries in Ontario; to receive, abstract and tabulate the information collected and obtained, and to publish the same from time to time during the growing season; to prepare at the close of each year a general report to the Minister, including a tabular abstract of facts relating to land, trade, government, population and other subjects compiled annually from the departmental records of Ontario and from other available records; and generally to perform all work within the sphere of the Bureau as may be directed by the Minister. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 12.

Duties of secretary

**13.** The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may make such arrangements as he deems expedient with the Government of Canada for the collection and transmission of information on the agricultural, manufacturing and other interests of Ontario, or for obtaining for the use of Ontario such information as may have been collected by the Department of Agriculture of Canada. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 13.

Arrangements with Government of Dominion.

**14.** Each collector and officer employed in collecting data for the Bureau of Industries shall be entitled to receive one copy of the publications and reports of the Bureau. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 14.

Copies of publications.

**15.—(1)** The officers of all societies and associations mentioned in *The Agricultural Associations Act*, *The Agricultural Societies Act*, and *The Horticultural Societies Act*, and of all municipal corporations, school boards, and public institutions, and all public officers of Ontario, shall promptly answer all official communications from the Bureau, shall from time to time collect and tabulate facts according to instructions to be furnished them, shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them, and generally shall act as far as practicable upon the recommendations of the Minister.

Duty of officers of certain societies, municipalities, etc., to answer all official communications.

Rev. Stat. c. 46.  
Rev. Stat. c. 47.  
Rev. Stat. c. 48.

(2) Any officer of any such society, association, corporation, school board or public institution making a false return of information, or refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any question, or to fill up, tabulate and return any official schedule according to the instructions furnished, and within the prescribed times, or to furnish information relating to the

Penalty.

industries of Ontario, when required so to do either by the Minister or by the Secretary of the Bureau, shall for every such offence incur a penalty of \$40. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 15.

Powers of  
Minister  
on default.

Rev. Stat.  
c. 192.

**16.** In case any of the returns under the preceding sections are not made as required, or in case any of the municipal returns to the Bureau of Industries required under *The Municipal Act*, or amendments thereto are not made, or in case the returns so made are not satisfactory to the Minister, the Minister may direct some competent person to examine the books and records of the office, or person designated by statute to report thereon, and to make the return required, and the person so directed by the Minister shall, upon the production of his written instructions from the Minister, have full and free access to all the books and records necessary for the making up of such return, and any person refusing to allow the person so directed to have full and free access to such books and records shall for every such offence incur a penalty of \$40. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 16.

Recovery of  
penalties,  
Rev. Stat. c. 90

**17.** The penalties provided by this Act shall be recoverable under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*. 10 Edw. VII. c. 17, s. 17.

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