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An Act to amend
The Agricultural Societies Act

Assented to June 26th, 1970
Session Prorogued November 13th, 1970

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1.—(1) Clause b of section 1 of The Agricultural Societies Act is amended by inserting after “Agriculture” in the first line “and Food”.

(2) Clause d of the said section 1 is amended by inserting after “Agriculture” in the first line “and Food”.

2.—(1) Clause b of subsection 1 of section 8 of The Agricultural Societies Act is amended by inserting in the second line “and exhibiting displays of farm products”, so that the clause shall read as follows:

(b) organizing and holding agricultural exhibitions and awarding premiums and exhibiting displays of farm products thereat.

(2) Subsection 1 of the said section 8 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(g) holding races or trials of speed for horses.

3. Subsection 3 of section 11 of The Agricultural Societies Act is amended by striking out “in the locality served by the society” in the second and third lines, and by striking out “one month” in the fifth line and inserting in lieu thereof “ninety days”, so that the subsection shall read as follows:

(3) Where a society exhibits a display of a farm product that is produced on a commercial basis or holds a field-crop or other competition and such display or competition is approved by the Superintendent, the officers
4. Section 21 of The Agricultural Societies Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

21. Subject to the approval of the Minister, a society may expropriate land selected as a site for fairs and exhibitions or as an enlargement of an existing site, and approved therefor at a meeting of the society called for that purpose, in accordance with The Expropriations Act, 1968-69, and the provisions of that Act shall apply to any expropriation under this section.

5.—(1) Subsection 2 of section 24 of The Agricultural Societies Act is amended by striking out "$500" in the seventeenth line and inserting in lieu thereof "$1,000", so that the subsection shall read as follows:

(2) If the Superintendent, upon receiving proof on or before the 31st day of October in any year, by the joint affidavit of the president, secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer of an agricultural society, that rain or snow fell at the place of holding an exhibition before 3 o'clock in the afternoon on any day during which the exhibition was held or that during the exhibition or within thirty days prior thereto one or more buildings on the exhibition grounds was destroyed by fire or storm, is satisfied that as a consequence of such weather or such destruction the gate receipts were less than the average gate receipts for exhibitions held by the society during three previous normal years, the society is entitled to receive a grant of not more than 90 per cent of the difference between the gate receipts of the current year and the average amount of the gate receipts of such three previous years, but no society shall in any year receive a grant in excess of $1,000 for any such loss in gate receipts.

(2) Subsection 3 of the said section 24 is amended by striking out "$500" in the tenth line and inserting in lieu thereof "$1,000", so that the subsection shall read as follows:
(3) In the event of a society that has been organized for only two years suffering loss in gate receipts owing to wet weather, it shall receive a grant equal to 75 per cent of the difference between the gate receipts of the current year and those of the previous year, and, in case of loss of gate receipts from the above cause during the third year of a society's existence, the grant shall be 75 per cent of the difference between the gate receipts of that year and those of the average of the two previous years, but no society shall in any year receive a grant in excess of $1,000 for any such loss in gate receipts.

(3) The said section 24, as amended by section 1 of The Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1961-62, is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(4) Where the moneys appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the grants under subsections 2 and 3, the grants shall be decreased pro rata.

6. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

7. This Act may be cited as The Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 1970.