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RELATING TO

AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE,

AND

MANUFACTURES.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND THIRTY-NINE.

AN ACT for the encouragement of Agriculture,
Horticulture and Manufactures.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and*
2 *House of Representatives in Legislature*
3 *assembled,* That ten thousand dollars be annu-
4 ally appropriated to be distributed in premiums,
5 for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticul-
6 ture and Manufactures.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the
2 Treasurer of State shall divide the sum afore-
3 said, into sums according to the population of
4 each county as exhibited by the census of eigh-
5 teen hundred and thirty-seven, and pay to the
6 Treasurer of each county in the State the sum
7 so apportioned to his respective county, on or
8 before the first day of September in each year.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the
2 Treasurer of each county shall pay out the
3 money that he shall receive under this act from
4 the Treasurer of State, in the following manner,
5 viz: if no agricultural society shall be incorpor-
6 ated, organized and in operation in his county,
7 he shall repay the same to the Treasurer of
8 State. If but one such society shall be organ-
9 ized as aforesaid, he shall pay the said society
10 all the money received as aforesaid. If two
11 societies shall be organized as aforesaid, then he
12 shall pay half of the sum received to each soci-
13 ety. If three societies are organized in his
14 county, then he shall pay one third of such
15 money to each society, but said monies shall not
16 be divided among more than three societies in
17 a county, and those so located in such different
18 parts of the same as shall most equally distri-
19 bute the benefits of such monies to the several
20 parts of the county.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That before
2 any Treasurer of any agricultural society afore-
3 said, shall receive the money apportioned to his
4 society, he shall deliver to the county Treasurer
5 a certificate, signed by the trustees of his society,

6 purporting that he is the Treasurer of said society
7 and duly authorized to receive the money appor-
8 tioned to the same.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That every
2 society availing itself of the benefit of this act,
3 shall at their discretion annually and publicly
4 offer premiums in money, medals or diplomas,
5 for introducing or improving any breed of useful
6 cattle or animals, or any tools, or implements of
7 husbandry, or manufactures, introducing, raising
8 or preserving any valuable trees, shrubs, or
9 plants, or in any way encouraging or advancing
10 any of the branches or departments of agricul-
11 ture, horticulture or manufactures. And said
12 society shall be held to apply to some or all of
13 the foregoing purposes a sum equal at least to
14 the sum received from the State, and paid to
15 the successful competitors belonging to the
16 county, whether they are members of the society
17 or not. *Provided, nevertheless,* That each
18 society may appropriate such amount of monies
19 as they may deem necessary, to pay the several
20 officers for their services, and such incidental

21 expenses as shall be necessary to conduct the
22 operations of said society.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That each
2 society shall annually in January, transmit to
3 the Secretary of State, an official statement of
4 its expenditures, specifying the objects for which
5 premiums have been awarded, and to whom
6 they have been paid, accompanied by such gen-
7 eral observations respecting the state of agricul-
8 ture in said county, as may be deemed useful.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That each
2 society shall hold annual and semi-annual meet-
3 ings, at each of which meetings the trustees of
4 said society shall make a report to the members,
5 upon agricultural or other subjects connected
6 with the objects of said society, suggesting such
7 improvements as may be deemed proper, or
8 giving such useful information as may be impor-
9 tant to the welfare of the society, and the pros-
10 perity of agriculture, horticulture and manufac-
11 tures in general.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That any
2 person to whom a premium shall be awarded
3 for the best management in raising a crop on

4 any given quantity of land (of at least one acre,
5 if the crop be of corn or grain) shall, before re-
6 ceiving said premium, deliver to the society a
7 statement in writing, (and verified by oath if
8 the by-laws of such society shall so provide)
9 specifying the kind and quantity of dressing put
10 upon said land, the course pursued and the kind
11 of soil so cultivated, with such other circum-
12 stances as may be deemed useful. And if the
13 premium be awarded him for introducing or im-
14 proving the breed of any cattle, horses or other
15 animals, he shall, before receiving the same,
16 make a similar statement of the breed or stock,
17 and of the advantage thereof for labor or the
18 dairy or fattening, or any other purpose, together
19 with the mode and expense of rearing or treat-
20 ing the same, as compared with the usual
21 methods, and such other remarks as may be
22 thought of public utility.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the
2 Secretary of State shall annually on or before
3 the first day of February in each year, lay be-
4 fore the Legislature the several statements that
5 he shall receive, to be submitted to the com-
6 mittee on agriculture, who may publish extracts

7 therefrom, together with such essays relative to
8 the subject, as they may think adapted to the
9 advancement of agriculture or horticulture, and
10 the Legislature may cause a suitable number
11 of copies thereof to be distributed as they may
12 think best.

SEC 10. *Be it further enacted,* That this
2 act shall continue in force until the first of Jan-
3 uary eighteen hundred and fifty.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted,* That an act
2 approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and
3 thirty-two, entitled "an act for the encourage-
4 ment of Agriculture, Horticulture and Manu-
5 factures;" also an act approved March first,
6 eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "an
7 act additional to an act for the encouragement
8 of Agriculture, Horticulture and Manufac-
9 tures;" also an act approved March twenty-
10 ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled
11 "an act to encourage the culture of Wheat
12 within the State;" also an act approved March
13 twenty-first, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight,
14 entitled "an act additional to an act to encour-
15 age the culture of Wheat within the State, and
16 giving a bounty on Corn;" also a resolve ap-

17 proved April first, eighteen hundred and thirty-
18 six, entitled “a resolve extending the time of an
19 act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Hor-
20 ticulture and Manufactures;” and all other acts
21 or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, be and
22 are hereby repealed, *Provided, however, That*
23 all bounties given by either of said acts which
24 are now due shall be paid according to the pro-
25 visions of said acts.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 23, 1839. }

This Bill was read twice, laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES WATERHOUSE, *Clerk.*