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# THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

NO. 8.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND FIFTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT more fully prescribing the powers and duties  
of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Treasurer of State is hereby au-  
2 thorized and directed to pay to the treasurer of any  
3 agricultural or horticultural society, whenever any  
4 such treasurer shall apply for the same, in conformity  
5 with the conditions hereinafter specified, a sum equal  
6 to that raised and actually received by any such  
7 society within the next preceding year, and not ex-  
8 ceeding, in cases where there are three such societies  
9 in a county, one hundred and fifty dollars to each of

10 them; where there are two and only two, two hundred  
11 dollars to each of them; and where there is only one  
12 such society in a county, three hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. None of the aforesaid payments shall be  
2 made, till the treasurer of such society shall file with  
3 the State Treasurer, a certificate on oath, therein  
4 specifying the amount raised and actually paid in to  
5 said society; and also, a certificate from the Secretary  
6 of the Board of Agriculture, therein specifying, that  
7 said society has complied with all the requirements of  
8 section fifth of this act.

SECT. 3. Every agricultural and horticultural soci-  
2 ety which shall receive the said allowance from the  
3 State Treasury, shall award annually, by way of pre-  
4 miums, or shall apply otherwise, at their discretion,  
5 for the encouragement or improvement of agriculture,  
6 horticulture or manufactures, a sum not less than the  
7 amount annually received from the State Treasury.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of every agricultural  
2 and horticultural society, applying for the bounty of  
3 the State, to require of all competitors for premiums,  
4 to fill up the blanks furnished by the Secretary of the  
5 Board of Agriculture, for such purposes, by answer-

6 ing all the questions therein proposed, to the best of  
7 their knowledge and belief, and present the same to  
8 the several awarding committees, with their applica-  
9 tions for premiums; and said committees shall file all  
10 such returns with their list of awards, and return them  
11 to the treasurer of such society; and no such treas-  
12 urer shall pay any such premiums that may be  
13 awarded by such committees, which are not accom-  
14 panied by such returns as above specified.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the treasurers of  
2 all agricultural and horticultural societies, within  
3 seven days after receiving the returns from the several  
4 awarding committees, as provided for in the fourth sec-  
5 tion of this act, to place the same in the hands of the  
6 secretary of such society, with a list of the premiums  
7 awarded by said committees so far as practicable.  
8 The amount of such premiums, together with such  
9 other expenditures as may be made in conformity to  
10 section 3d, shall not be less than the sum received  
11 from the State Treasurer; and said secretary shall  
12 annually, on or before the third Wednesday in  
13 November, forward to the Secretary of the Board of  
14 Agriculture, said lists, blanks and returns thereon,

15 retaining copies thereof, for the use of said society,  
16 except those relating to field crops and fruits, which  
17 may be returned on or before the first Wednesday in  
18 January, in each year; and the Secretary of the  
19 Board of Agriculture, on the receipt and examination  
20 of such lists, blanks and returns thereon, shall furnish  
21 the treasurer of such society with the certificate re-  
22 quired in section second of this act: and no society  
23 failing to comply with the conditions above specified,  
24 shall be entitled to draw any moneys from the State  
25 Treasury.

SECT. 6. All incorporated agricultural and horti-  
2 cultural societies may, by their officers, define and fix  
3 bounds of sufficient extent, for the erection of their  
4 cattle pens and yards, and for convenient passage  
5 ways to and about the same, on the days of their  
6 cattle shows and exhibitions, and also for their plow-  
7 ing matches, and trials of working teams, within  
8 which bounds no person shall be permitted to enter  
9 or pass, unless in conformity with the regulations of  
10 the officers of said societies respectively.

SECT. 7. If any person shall, contrary to the regu-  
2 lations of the said officers, and after notice thereof,

3 enter or pass within the bounds so fixed, he shall for-  
4 feit a sum not exceeding five dollars, to be recovered  
5 on complaint in behalf of the State, in any court  
6 competent to try the same, for the use and benefit of  
7 such society.

SECT. 8. The foregoing provisions shall not au-  
2 thorize such societies to occupy, or include within the  
3 bounds which they shall fix for the purposes aforesaid,  
4 the land of any person, without his consent, nor to  
5 occupy any turnpike or public highway, in any such  
6 manner as to obstruct the public travel.

SECT. 9. The officers of any such society may  
2 appoint a sufficient number of suitable persons, inhab-  
3 itants of the county, to act as marshals at cattle shows  
4 and exhibitions, and they shall have and exercise all  
5 the powers of constables, in relation to the preserva-  
6 tion of the public peace, and enforcing the rules and  
7 regulations of said society, within the towns respect-  
8 ively, where such shows and exhibitions may be held;  
9 and they shall exercise their said office, from twelve  
10 o'clock at noon the day preceding the commencement  
11 of such shows or exhibitions, and until twelve o'clock

12 at noon of the day succeeding the termination there-  
13 of, and no longer.

SECT. 10. The Secretary of the Board of Agricul-  
2 ture, is hereby authorized and empowered, under the  
3 direction of said Board, from time to time, to cause  
4 to be printed at the expense of the State, and in a  
5 convenient form, for the use of the members of the  
6 several agricultural and horticultural societies in the  
7 State, so many copies of all the laws in force, rela-  
8 ting to agriculture and horticulture, the Board of  
9 Agriculture, and agricultural and horticultural socie-  
10 ties, as said Board may order.

SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts relating to  
2 agricultural and horticultural societies now in force,  
3 except those granting charters to the same, are here-  
4 by repealed.

SECT. 12. The Secretary of the Board of Agriculture  
2 is hereby empowered and required to prepare and  
3 cause to be printed and distributed to the Secretaries  
4 of the several Agricultural and Horticultural Socie-  
5 ties in the State, the several blanks required by this act.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,  
February 6, 1855. }

This Bill, reported from the Committee on Agriculture, was laid on the table, and 350 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Attest:

J. W. KNOWLTON, *Secretary Protem.*