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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Chapter 137.

CHAP. 137.

An act to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes relating to agricultural societies.

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

Sections twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of the fifty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes are amended so as to read as follows :

Chap. 58, Sects. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, amended.

SECT. 12. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the treasurer of any incorporated agricultural or horticultural society, in case he shall apply for the same on or before the first Wednesday of December, in any year in conformity with the conditions hereinafter specified, a sum equal to that raised by such society within the year next preceding such application. *Provided*, that such sum or sums shall not exceed one cent to each inhabitant of said county, upon the basis of the last previous national census, nor more than four hundred dollars to any one county ; and if there be more than one such society in any county, and if the sums so applied for exceed in the aggregate the limits above named, then a sum equal to one cent for each inhabitant of said county, and not exceeding four hundred dollars, shall be divided and paid to the respective treasurers in proportion to the amounts expended by the several societies in accordance with the provisions of section fourteen ; *provided also*, that the Penobscot and Aroostook Union Agricultural Society may receive irrespective of population, as much as is raised by it not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Agricultural societies, amt't to receive from state.

Proviso.

SECT. 13. None of the aforesaid payments shall be made until the treasurer of such society files with the state treasurer a certificate on oath, therein specifying the amount raised by said society with the further specifications mentioned in section fifteen of this chapter, and also a certificate from the secretary of the board of agriculture, that said society has complied with the requirements of section sixteen of this chapter.

Treasurer of society to file certificate on oath.

SECT. 14. Every society which receives bounty from the state, shall award in each year, by way of premiums or gratuities, or shall expend for the purchase of seeds, implements or breeding animals, a sum not less than the bounty so received, for the encouragement and improvement of agriculture, horticulture or the mechanic arts, and it shall be competent for the board of agriculture to direct for what objects and purposes premiums shall be offered to an extent not exceeding one-half the bounty of the state.

State bounty, how expended.

Board of agriculture to direct, &c.

SECT. 15. It shall be the duty of every society applying for the bounty of the state to require of all competitors for premiums either

Statements from competitors required.

CHAP. 137.

Application of
treasurer for
bounty.

—form of.

Secretaries to
report annu-
ally to Sec'y of
the Board of
Agriculture.

—when to be
made.

upon animals, crops, dairy products, improvement of soils or manures, a full and accurate statement of the process or method of rearing, managing, producing and accomplishing the same, together with its cost and value with a view of showing the profits or benefits derived or expected therefrom, and the application for bounty shall embrace all the specifications included in the following form, to wit: I, A. B., treasurer of ——— society, do hereby apply for bounty in aid of said society, as granted by the laws of the state, and being duly sworn (or affirmed) do say that the sum of ——— has been raised and paid in good faith into the treasury of said society, and that the sum of ——— has been awarded in premiums or otherwise expended within the year past in conformity with the provisions of the laws of the state relative thereto.

SECT. 16. It shall be the duty of the secretaries of the several societies to prepare an annual report, embracing a concise statement of the financial condition and doings of the society, with a synopsis of the premiums awarded, to be made by filling blanks furnished by the secretary of the board of agriculture for the purpose. Said report shall also state the leading features of the annual exhibition, the character of the efforts of the society for the advancement of agriculture, the principal crops grown in the county or district, the success attending their culture as compared with former years, and the obstacles met with; and generally upon the condition, prospects and wants of agriculture, so far as they may be able to ascertain them; which report, together with a list of the officers of the society and the post office address of each, to be renewed whenever a new election occurs, and all statements made by successful competitors for premiums, and any reports of committees, essays, addresses or other papers presented to the society containing matters of general interest, shall be returned to the secretary of the board of agriculture on or before the first Wednesday of December, in each year. Upon receipt and after examination of said returns, if the secretary of the board of agriculture shall find them full, faithful and accurate, according to the intent of this section, he shall, and not otherwise, issue the certificate mentioned in section thirteen of this chapter.

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