

Annual literary and scientific competitions.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may establish annual literary and scientific competitions, and determine the conditions thereof.

Annual grant.

3. A sum of five thousand dollars, payable out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province, shall be appropriated annually for such purposes.

Appointment of jury.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint, for each competition, a jury, which shall confer, if it deems it expedient, rewards on the prize-winners. The jury shall be composed of nine members. The Provincial Secretary or his representative shall be a member *ex-officio*.

Composition.

Direction of Provincial Secretary.

The jury shall, under the direction of the Provincial Secretary, fulfill the duties that may be assigned to it.

Publication of conditions of competition.

5. The conditions of each competition shall be published in due time in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

Carrying out of act.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be entrusted with the carrying out of this act.

Coming into force.

7. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C H A P. 57

An Act relating to the aid that may be granted by certain municipalities for the purchase of seeds and seed-grain.

[Assented to, the 8th of March, 1922]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Purchase of seeds or seed-grain.

1. The council of any rural municipality, or any county council governing a territory not erected into a local municipality, or whose council is not yet organized, may, by resolution passed by the majority of the members of such council, take, out of the funds of the municipality not otherwise appropriated, or borrow, upon note or otherwise, the sums necessary for the purchase of seeds or seed-grain intended to be sold to such of the ratepayers of the said municipalities who may need the same, or the sums required for granting loans to such of the ratepayers as desire to purchase for themselves.

2. The ratepayers, who contract a loan for purchasing or to whom such seeds or seed-grain were sold, shall repay to the municipality the sum borrowed or the cost representing the quantity of seeds or seed-grain so sold by the municipality.

Such repayment shall be made according to the terms and conditions fixed by the council.

3. The amount due to the municipality by a ratepayer for the seeds or the seed-grain, so supplied to him, or for the loan made to him, is assimilated to municipal taxes, except that the privilege attached to such claim shall only affect the property of the ratepayer to the amount of one hundred dollars. Such amount shall be entered in the collection roll or in a special roll, as the council may decide, and shall be collected as in the case of ordinary or special municipal taxes.

4. The general or special laws governing the borrowing power of a municipality, to which this act may be applicable, shall not apply to the loans contracted in virtue of this act; and the said loans shall not in any way affect the limit of the borrowing power of such municipality.

5. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C H A P. 58

An Act respecting certain loans by the *Société coopérative agricole des producteurs de semences de Québec*.

[Assented to, 8th of March, 1922]

WHEREAS, for the purpose of aiding farmers to procure good seed-grain and in the general interest of agriculture in this Province, the *Société coopérative agricole des producteurs de semences de Québec* is obliged to make loans for the purchase of such seed-grain;

Whereas it is expedient in the public interest to aid the credit of such society until the repayment of what the farmers owe it for seed-grain furnished to them by it;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on the