

CHAP. 16

An Act to establish the Quebec Bureau of Statistics.

[Assented to 21st December 1912]

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to establish a Bureau of Preamble.

Provincial Statistics in order to collect, condense, tabulate and publish all sorts of statistics and information respecting agriculture, commerce, industry, education, colonization and other matters of concern to the Province and its inhabitants;

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

1. The following section and articles are inserted in the R. S., art. Revised Statutes, 1909, after section seventh of chapter fourth of title fourth: 795a-h added.

“SECTION VIII

THE QUEBEC BUREAU OF STATISTICS

“**795a.** In this section, unless the context otherwise requires: Definitions.

a. The word “Minister” means the Provincial Secretary; “Minister”

b. The word “head” means the head of the Quebec Bureau of Statistics; “Head”;

c. The word “Bureau” means the Quebec Bureau of Statistics. “Bureau”.

“**795b.** There shall be established under the authority of the Provincial Secretary a permanent bureau called “The Quebec Bureau of Statistics”, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint, for the good administration of this service, a head of the bureau and the other necessary officers, clerks and employees whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Minister, to carry out the provisions of this section and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council Quebec Bureau of Statistics.

“**795c.** The Minister may also employ, from time to time, such employees or other persons as may be necessary to collect for the bureau the statistics and information which he may think useful to the public. Employment of different persons.

“**795d.** Under the direction of the Minister, the head of the bureau shall collect, condense and tabulate useful statistics and information respecting this Province and more particularly respecting education, industry, commerce, agriculture, popula- Collection of statistics.

tion, colonization, the natural products of the soil and generally respecting everything which concerns the Province and is of public interest.

Publication of statistics.

“ **795e.** Whenever it appears to the Minister that the statistics and information collected and condensed are sufficiently important and reliable to make the publication thereof useful, he shall have them published in the manner and form prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Discrimination forbidden.

Neither the Lieutenant-Governor in Council nor the Minister, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section, shall discriminate between any persons or companies to the prejudice of any of them.

Answers to questions of commission, &c.

“ **795f.** The public officers or employees under the control of the Government of the Province, or under the control of a municipality, or of a school board or of a society, association or corporation constituted in virtue of a law in force in this Province, or receiving a subsidy from the Government of this Province, and all persons so subsidized, shall answer promptly all official communications from the bureau and collect and correctly classify the facts or statistics called for by the bureau.

Penalties.

“ **795g.** Any person mentioned in article 795f who wilfully gives false information or refuses or neglects to answer a question authorized by this section, or to collect, classify or deliver the statistics which it is in his power to collect, classify or deliver, when he has been duly called upon so to do by the Minister or by the head of the bureau, shall be liable for each offence, to a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Arrangements for interchange of information.

“ **795h.** The Minister with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may make all arrangements which he may think useful to establish a system of exchange of information or statistics between the Government of Canada or one or more of its departments and the bureau.”

R. S. 2362, am.

2. Article 2362 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended:

a. By striking out paragraph 4;

b. By replacing the words: “ and adopt measures for circulating the same ”, in the third and fourth lines of paragraph 5, by the words; “ and transmit the same to the Quebec Bureau of Statistics.”

Id., 2368, am.

3. Article 2368 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is repealed, and everything relating to the Bureau of Industries is annexed to the Quebec Bureau of Statistics.

Coming into force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day which it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation.