

## C H A P . 24

An Act to amend the law respecting Agricultural Societies

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

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

R. S., 1618,  
amended.

**1.** Article 1618 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the acts 53 Victoria, chapter 22, section 1, and 62 Victoria, chapter 25, section 1, is further amended by striking out the word: "Ottawa," in the third line.

R. S., 1619,  
replaced.

**2.** Article 1619 of the Revised Statutes is replaced by the following:

Division of  
county of  
Ottawa for  
agricultural  
purposes.  
Grant to  
societies.

"**1619.** The county of Ottawa shall, for the purposes of agricultural organization, be divided into two separate divisions as for the purposes of registration.

In each of such divisions there may be established an agricultural society which shall have a right to the grant enacted by article 1668."

Coming into  
force.

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

## C H A P . 25

An Act to amend "The Quebec Trade Disputes' Act"

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

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

Art. 6a added  
to 1 Ed. VII,  
c. 31.

Duty of registrar, when requested, to visit locality in which disputes exist between employers and workmen.

**1.** The following article is inserted in the act 1 Edward VII, chapter 31, after article 6:

"**6a.** 1. Where a dispute exists or is apprehended between an employer or any class of employers and workmen, or between different classes of workmen and the workmen threaten to strike or strike, or when an employer closes down or threatens to close down his works, the registrar shall, if thereto requested, in writing, by at least five workmen or by the employer, or by the mayor of the municipality in which the dispute has arisen, visit the locality in which such dispute exists, and earnestly endeavor to act as mediator between the parties.

2. When it comes to the knowledge of the registrar, either from the newspapers or otherwise, that a dispute such as described in the preceding paragraph has arisen, he shall visit the locality in which such dispute has arisen, without awaiting for a request in writing to be made to him.

His duty, if facts are within his own knowledge.

3. In the cases provided for in the two preceding paragraphs the registrar shall :

Duties of registrar upon visiting locality.

(a) inquire into the causes and circumstances of the dispute ;

(b) take such steps, as to him seem expedient, for prevailing upon the parties to meet and settle their disputes themselves ;

(c) promote agreements between employers and workmen with a view of inducing them to submit their disputes to a council of conciliation or arbitration, before having recourse to strikes or lock-outs.

4. The registrar shall report his proceedings under this article to the Minister of Colonization and Public Works within the shortest possible delay."

Report to Minister of Colonization and Public Works.

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

Coming into force.

## CHAP. 26

An Act to amend the law respecting the courts of civil jurisdiction in the Magdalen Islands

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

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

1. Article 2398 of the Revised Statutes is replaced by the following :

R. S., 2398, replaced.

"**2398.** There shall be one term of the court yearly in the said Islands."

One term yearly.

2. Articles 2400 and 2401 of the Revised Statutes are replaced by the following :

R. S., 2400 and 2401, replaced.

"**2400.** An appeal shall lie from the judgment of the said court to the Court of King's Bench, sitting at Quebec, in every case in which an appeal would lie to the said court if such judgment had been rendered in the Superior Court or in the Circuit Court at any other place.

Appeal to Court of King's Bench.