

C H A P. 1 4

An Act to amend the law respecting Agriculture

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Article 1594 of the Revised Statutes is amended : R. S., 1594, amended.

(a) By replacing the words : “ twenty-three ” in the second line, by the words : “ twenty-four ” ;

(b) By replacing the words : “ and the superintendent of public instruction,” in the fifth and sixth lines, by the words : “ the superintendent of public instruction and the assistant commissioner of agriculture.”

2. The following article is added after article 1615*i* of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1 : Art. added after R. S., 1615 *i*.

“ **1615*ii*.** Laureates of ‘ distinguished merit,’ ‘ great merit’ and ‘ merit’ may in place of the medal wear in the buttonhole a ribbon or rosette of the description fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.” Ribbon in buttonhole may be worn.

3. Article 1615 *j* of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, and amended by the act 58 Victoria, chapter 24, section 2, is replaced as follows : R. S., 1615*j*, replaced.

“ **1615 *j*.** Laureates of distinguished merit are excluded from the further competitions provided for by paragraph 1 of this section. Certain laureates precluded from competition.

For the purposes of the distinctions authorized by this article, they form two classes, one composed of those among them who draw the chief means of their support from their agricultural labors, the other of those who are not agriculturists by profession. Classes into which laureates of distinguished merit are divided.

In each of these classes, the person who, in any of the divisions of the Province erected under article 1615*a*, has most distinguished himself, during the five years, next after the date when he received the diploma of distinguished merit, in maintaining the perfection in cultivation by which he earned his honorific distinction, may, upon the report of the judges to that effect, and upon the recommendation of the Council of Agriculture approved by the Commissioner, receive, if he belongs to the class firstly described, a gold medal with an extra diploma certifying to the facts, and the Distinctions, &c., that may be granted to them.

words 'distinguished exceptional merit,' and if he belongs to the class secondly described, an extra diploma certifying to the facts and the words 'distinguished special merit'".

Art. added after R. S., 1615/.

4. The following article is added after article 1615/ of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1 :

Diplomas, &c., may be granted to residents outside of Canada.

" **1615m.** It is also lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant diplomas and medals to any person domiciled outside of Canada who has rendered services to agriculture, either in farming or in the industries connected therewith, in the public service or in scientific missions or by works or publications on agriculture.

Commissioner may wear highest decoration.

The Commissioner of Agriculture for the Province of Quebec is *de jure* Laureate of Agricultural Merit, and he has consequently the right to wear the highest decoration."

Coming into force.

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

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An Act to amend the law respecting the Courts in Gaspé

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Title to § 13, s. 4, c. 2, t. 6, R. S., replaced.

1. The title to paragraph thirteenth of section fourth of chapter second of title sixth of the Revised Statutes is replaced by the following :

" § 13.—*Provisions respecting the North Shore between Betsiamites and Blanc Sablon, and the Island of Anticosti.*"

R. S., 2407, amended.

2. Article 2407 of the Revised Statutes is amended by replacing the word : " Moisie," in the sixth line, by the word : " Betsiamites."

R. S., 2407a amended.

3. The following paragraph is added to article 2407a of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 29, section 1 :

Services by special constables.

" 2. The special constables appointed by the district magistrate may also make, under their oath of office, any such services for the district magistrate's court."

Coming into force.

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