

CAP. IX.

An Act respecting the Eastern Townships' Agricultural Association.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships' Agricultural Association has secured permanent grounds in the city of Sherbrooke for exhibition purposes, and has expended upwards of fifty thousand dollars in securing and preparing the said grounds and in erecting buildings thereon ;

Whereas it has, for the past twelve years, annually held, at the said city of Sherbrooke, agricultural and industrial exhibitions, and has thereby greatly fostered and promoted agriculture and the dairy industry in the Province ;

And whereas the said association has established that it will be impossible for it to hold any future exhibitions without assistance from the Government, and it is in consequence expedient to encourage the said association by a permanent grant for a term of years ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Sum of five thousand dollars granted for five years.

1. For the next five years, there shall be paid, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of five thousand dollars to the Eastern Townships' Agricultural Association every year during which it holds an exhibition, payable immediately after each exhibition is held.

Programme to be submitted for approval Commissioner of Agriculture.

2. The programme of the annual exhibition shall be submitted for the approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

CAP. X.

An Act respecting a grant to the *Ursulines de Roberval*.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Reverend Ursuline Ladies of Roberval have established at Roberval a school of domestic economy which may be considered as the mother-house of all establishments in which domestic economy is taught to our rural population ;

Whereas, owing to their skill in the practice of agriculture, the said Ladies gained the gold medal at the agricultural merit competition of that region ;

Whereas a disastrous fire, in which seven members of the community perished, completely destroyed their said establishment, and also the building used for the said school ;

Whereas it is in the public interest that the building intended for the said school should be reconstructed without delay ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, to the *Ursulines de Roberval*, the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of assisting them to erect one or more buildings to be used as a school of domestic economy in place of the one destroyed by the fire of January, 1897. Grant of five thousand dollars to Ursulines.

2. When making such grant, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to impose such conditions as he may deem necessary to secure the reconstruction of the building intended for the school of domestic economy and the maintenance thereof. Conditions of such grant.

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

CAP. XI.

An Act granting an indemnity to Madame Georges Etienne Rioux.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

WHEREAS from the year 1870 until about two years ago, Georges Etienne Rioux, district magistrate for the districts of Saint Francis and Bedford, administered justice in the said districts in a very efficient manner, and during nearly ten years, administered justice in his capacity of district magistrate in the district of Arthabaska ; Preamble.

Whereas, during the said time, he saved large sums of money to the province and to litigants by granting speedy trials to persons accused, and by sitting in civil and criminal matters at various places outside the *chefs-lieux* of the said districts ;

Whereas, for upwards of two years, the said Georges Etienne Rioux has, by reason of sickness, become incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, and the disease from which he is suffering is incurable ;