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Anne, St. Casimir and St. Albans, to be paid and distributed in the manner which he may be pleased to fix.

Coming into force.

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

C A P. I V .

An Act respecting the cultivation of the sugar beet.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

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

Bonus to farmers cultivating beets.

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant, during the next twelve months, a bonus of fifty cents per ton of beets delivered for manufacture to such farmers as receive at least four dollars and fifty cents per ton from the factory ; provided that the total sum granted does not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

C A P. V .

An Act respecting the Montreal Exposition Company.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

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

Government may contribute towards deficits on holding exhibitions.

Proviso.

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized, during the lease of the Montreal Exposition Company, that is, during thirteen years, commencing with one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, inclusively, to contribute towards paying, each year that an exhibition is held, the deficit resulting therefrom, if any, provided that in no year shall the sum so paid exceed fifteen thousand dollars, on condition that the company renounces, in favour of the Province, all the rights which it may have to the property of the exhibition grounds situated near Montreal.

Agreement with Montreal Exposition Company authorized. Clauses which it is to contain.

2. The Government is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Montreal Exhibition Company, containing the following provisions and stipulations :

Whereas, by an agreement mentioned in an Order in Council (No. 648), approved by the Lieutenant-Governor on

the twentieth December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, a copy whereof forms part of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 96, it was among other things agreed that the Montreal Exposition Company should lease from the Government of the Province of Quebec, for a term of eighteen years, at a rent of one dollar per annum, the land known under the name of the "Mile End Exhibition Grounds," containing about thirty-five arpents, more or less, in superficies; bounded, on the south, by Mount Royal Avenue, on the east, by St. Urbain street, on the west, by Bleury street, and on the north, by a projected street; the said land known and designated under the number fourteen of the official cadastre of Côte St. Louis, and upon which is erected the building, heretofore known as the "Crystal Palace," the whole as set forth in the said Order in Council;

Whereas, under the said agreement, the Montreal Exposition Company claimed the right, during five years, from the nineteenth of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, to purchase the said property according to its actual value, to be established by arbitration, in the manner and according to the conditions set forth in the said agreement;

Whereas the said company desired to avail itself of the option of making such purchase, and the value of the said land and buildings thereon has been established by arbitrators at \$84,600, in an award dated the sixth December, eighteen hundred and ninety, approved by the Executive by Order in Council of the twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and ninety-one;

It is agreed:

1. The company renounces in favour of the Government the right claimed by it of purchasing the said property, desiring and intending that it be and remain the property of the Government, the said company, however, to remain in possession of the property as lessee, at a rent of one dollar per annum, during the remainder of the eighteen years of the lease, which commenced to run on the nineteenth December, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

2. On the termination of the said lease, the value of the buildings, erections and improvements on all the lands so leased from the Government and the whole of the stock shall be determined by arbitrators, appointed in the manner prescribed by the Code of Civil Procedure, and the Government shall pay to the company an amount representing the value of the said buildings and improvements, less the sum of \$25,600, fixed by the arbitrators as the value of the buildings when the company took possession thereof.

However, the buildings erected and improvements hereafter made with moneys arising from other sources than the capital of the company, shall belong to the Government without any indemnity; and, if it become necessary for

exhibition purposes, and for other reasons than decay, to demolish the present buildings on the grounds, with a view of replacing them by others, they shall, before being demolished, be valued by arbitration in the manner above indicated, and the value so ascertained shall be reimbursed to the company on the termination of the lease, always, however, less the above mentioned sum of \$25,600.

3. The buildings and erections now in Mount Royal Park, belonging to the company, shall be subject to the same provisions as the other buildings erected on the Government property, the company, however, not having the right of erecting other buildings in Mount Royal Park.

If the buildings erected in Mount Royal Park, belonging to the company, are removed to the Government property, the expenses of such removal shall, however, form part of the current expenses of the company.

4. After the current expenses of the company have been paid, including therein the maintenance of buildings, the expenses of exhibition, and dividends to shareholders at a rate not exceeding six per cent. upon the capital paid-up, the salaries of employees, if there is a surplus from the holding of an exhibition, it shall be employed in erecting new buildings, which shall belong to the Government without any indemnity, and, in case it is not necessary to build new buildings, such surplus shall be used to defray the expenses of future exhibitions and to increase their importance as much as possible.

5. Every year that an exhibition shall be held during the years which remain to run of the eighteen years, the Government obliges itself to indemnify the company for any loss which it will sustain by holding such exhibition, but only to the sum of \$15,000 for each such year.

6. As the company renounces to the clause under which it claimed the right of purchasing the said property, and the company has in the past sustained losses by holding exhibitions, the Government binds itself to pay to the company \$8,000, with interest thereon from the first of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, to aid in covering such deficits. Such sum shall be paid as soon as voted by the Legislature.

7. The company shall, at each exhibition, offer at least \$12,000 in prizes.

8. The company shall be obliged to keep the buildings on the grounds insured against fire for a sum to be agreed upon between it and the Government, so as to protect the interests of the Government, and to transfer the policy to the Government.

9. If the buildings are destroyed by fire, the Government shall be obliged to expend in rebuilding a sum equal to that received by it for the loss of the said buildings, or to pay over such sum to the company which will itself rebuild.

10. All repairs, both those for which the lessor is responsible and those for which the tenant is responsible, shall be made by the company.

11. The operations of the company shall be managed by a board of not more than eleven nor less than nine directors, on which the Government may be represented by two directors appointed by it. In addition, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization, the President of the Council of Agriculture and the President of the Council of Arts and Manufactures shall be *ex-officio* directors of the company. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be entitled to be represented at meetings of the board by an officer of his department or any other person deputed by him. These directors shall be notified in advance of the holding of each meeting of the board.

12. As, out of the land bought by the Government and now leased by the company, a certain portion, to wit: a strip of fifty feet in width, extending in depth the whole width of the exhibition lands, has been devoted to the opening of a street,—the *Sœurs de l'Hôtel Dieu*, Mr. Bagg and the other proprietors having given an equal strip of land,—and as the municipality did afterwards allow the exhibition company to close such street, and the land which it comprised has been placed at the disposal of the company, it is well understood that the said strip belongs and shall belong to the Government.

13. Every year that an exhibition shall be held, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization may order that, out of the sum of \$12,000 to be given in prizes as aforesaid, \$2,000 shall be employed as he may indicate.

14. The company shall be bound to make an annual and detailed report of its expenditure and operations to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization.

15. The contract between the Government and the company, mentioned in the Order in Council of the twentieth December, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is annulled, in so far as it concerns the right of purchase conferred on the company, as well all other parts of the said contract inconsistent with the preceding provisions.
