

Bill No. 66 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETIES ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Agricultural Societies Act*, being chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 3 of the Act is amended by the Bill. The amendment slightly enlarges the objects of agricultural societies to include such things as homemaking, home economics, soil conservation, reforestation, rural beautification and things of a like nature.

Section 5 (3) is struck out in order to remove a restriction which required the annual exhibition to be held at the chief place of business of the society. This was in conflict with section 30 which stated that an exhibition could be held at any place decided upon by the directors.

Section 19 requires a society to hold its annual meeting after its annual exhibition. Some societies do not hold annual exhibitions and others which do may hold other activities after the exhibition. It is the intention that the annual meeting should follow all activities of the year so the Bill amends section 19 to require the annual meeting to be held on or before the twentieth day of December in each year.

Section 23 is amended to clarify the intention of two of the present paragraphs and to delete the reference to co-operative agricultural experiments which have been discontinued.

Section 27 deals with the returns required by the Department. This section is amended slightly to give more particulars as to forms required to be filed and to clarify the intention of the section. The date for filing these returns is extended from the twenty-third day of December to the fifteenth day of January of the following year.

A new subsection (2) is added to section 30. It prohibits a fair or exhibition from being held within fifty miles of an existing fair or exhibition unless the consent of the Minister is obtained or unless the fair or exhibition was held in that location in 1948.

Section 33 of the Act dealing with grants is struck out and replaced by two new sections 33 and 33a. The former paragraph (a) dealing with membership grants and the former paragraph (b) dealing with grants in connection

with co-operative agricultural experiments have been struck out as both have been discontinued. The Bill also reduces the grant for holding an exhibition or fair from a maximum of three thousand dollars to a maximum of fifteen hundred dollars for holding Class B fairs and to a maximum of four hundred dollars for any other fair. The amounts of the remaining grants are generally unchanged although the wording of the section has been clarified by the amendment.

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*(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)*

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An Act to amend The Agricultural Societies Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1949.)

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Agricultural Societies Act*, being chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 3 by striking out the same and by substituting the following:

“3. The objects of a society shall be to encourage improvement in agriculture, horticulture, homemaking, manufactures and the useful arts by the following means, that is to say:

- “(a) by holding meetings for the delivery of lectures and demonstrations and for the discussion of subjects connected with the theory and practice of any of the said industries;
- “(b) by promoting and encouraging conservation of natural resources, including soil conservation, reforestation and rural beautification;
- “(c) by holding exhibitions or competitions as hereinafter provided at which prizes may be awarded for,—
  - “(i) excellence in the raising or introduction of live stock;
  - “(ii) the production of grains and all kinds of vegetables, plants, flowers and fruits;
  - “(iii) proficiency in such farming operations and skills as plowing, etc.;
  - “(iv) the invention or improvement of agricultural machines or implements;
  - “(v) proficiency in such homemaking skills as food preparation, sewing, home crafts, etc.;
  - “(vi) proficiency in such skills as blacksmithing, carpentry, etc., which relate to agriculture;
  - “(vii) home manufactures and works of art;
  - “(viii) excellence generally in any agricultural production or operation;
- “(d) by holding auction or other sales through which buyers and sellers of live stock, poultry and farm equipment may be brought together;

- “(e) by developing activities to encourage and interest boys and girls in the work of agricultural societies;
- “(f) by supporting and co-operating with associations organized to improve the production of farm products or to promote and encourage those activities which are designed to better rural life.”.

**2.** The said Act is further amended as to section 5 by striking out subsection (3).

**3.** The said Act is further amended as to section 19 by striking out the same and by substituting the following:

“**19.** Each society shall hold its annual meeting on or before the twentieth day of December in each year at such time and place as may be determined by the board of directors.”.

**4.** The said Act is further amended as to section 23 by striking out paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) and by substituting the following:

- “(e) a separate statement for each of the activities carried on by the society during the year showing the amount offered and the amount actually paid out in prizes or awards and the number of entries in each class;
- “(f) a report of each activity carried out by the society during the year giving a brief description of the activity, the number who participated and the names of the persons who may have officiated.”.

**5.** The said Act is further amended as to section 27 by striking out the same and by substituting the following:

“**27.—(1)** A list of the officers elected at the annual meeting and a copy or summary of each report and statement presented thereat shall be transmitted to the Department by the secretary upon the forms provided for the purpose on or before the fifteenth day of January of the next following year.

“(2) Any agricultural society and any incorporated company or board of management of a joint exhibition desirous of obtaining a grant in respect of any activity shall transmit to the Department on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year a return furnishing the information set out in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of section 23 in respect of the activities conducted during the immediately preceding calendar year.

“(3) In case the returns required by subsections (1) and (2) are not transmitted before the date specified, the applicant for the grant shall not receive any portion of the grant unless the Minister is satisfied by the explanations given that the delay was unavoidable or inadvertent in which case he may pay the grant which the society would be entitled to after deducting the sum of five dollars for each week of the delay.

"(4) The Minister in his discretion may extend the time for filing any return."

**6.** The said Act is further amended as to section 30,—

- (a) by renumbering the same as subsection (1) of section 30;
- (b) by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsection:

"(2) No society, company, or board of management shall hold any fair or exhibition within fifty miles of the place where any existing society, company, or board of management holds a fair or exhibition unless it has the consent in writing of the Minister, or unless it held its fair or exhibition at that place in the year 1948."

**7.** The said Act is further amended as to section 33 by striking out the same and by substituting the following:

**"33.—(1)** A grant may be paid to any society and to any company or board of management holding any of the activities set out in subsection (2) out of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the aid of agricultural societies.

"(2) The grants which may be paid for each activity shall be calculated as follows:

- "(a) for holding an exhibition or fair where the total expenditure for prizes in the agricultural and domestic classes at such exhibition or fair exceeds three hundred dollars, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out in such prizes, but not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in the case of a fair which qualifies for recognition as a Class B fair as defined by the regulations of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and not exceeding the sum of four hundred dollars in the case of a fair which does not qualify as a Class B fair;
- "(b) for holding a seed grain fair, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for prizes at the fair, but not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars;
- "(c) for holding a winter exhibition of poultry, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for prizes at the exhibition but not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars;
- "(d) for holding a horticultural exhibition, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for prizes at the exhibition, but not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars;
- "(e) for holding a farm and home improvement competition, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for such prizes, but not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars;

“(f) for holding a tillage match, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for prizes, but not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars;

“(g) for conducting a live stock show or sale, a grant to cover judging fees and other incidental expenses equal to fifty per cent of the actual cost of these items to the society, but in no case to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars;

“(h) for conducting a competition for junior clubs at the time of a fair or exhibition, a grant equal to ten dollars for each recognized junior club which takes part in the competition, but not to exceed a total grant of one hundred dollars.

“(3) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in subsection (2) no sum shall be paid to any society in excess of a sum bearing the same ratio to the moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the aid of agricultural societies in general, as the sum permitted to be granted to the said society does to the total moneys permitted to be granted to all societies.

“(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) if any society operates so near a provincial border that its activities serve areas outside of the Province, the Minister may make grants to the said society in proportion to the ratio of the activities of the society which serve the Province.

“(5) No society, company, or board of management shall secure financial assistance under subsection (2) for more than four activities in any calendar year nor shall a society, company, or board of management be entitled to receive more than one grant for each type of activity in any calendar year.

“(6) In any case where the activities for which grants may be paid under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) are conducted at the time of the exhibition, they shall be considered as part of the exhibition and shall not be eligible for separate grants.

“(7) The Minister may withhold payment of that portion of any grant offered for a prize which in his opinion is not calculated to promote the legitimate objects of an agricultural society.

“(8) No incorporated company that permits voting by proxy or allows more than one vote to be exercised by each shareholder, irrespective of the number of shares owned or controlled by the shareholder, shall be entitled to any grant under this section.

“33a.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, if he deems it proper so to do, make a special grant to any society which has actually held an activity but which has failed to comply strictly with all the requirements of section 33.

“(2) The amount of any special grant shall not exceed the grant to which the society would have been entitled had it complied with the requirements of section 33.

“(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may make a special grant to any society which has held an activity approved by the Minister other than an activity set out in subsection (2) of section 33.”.

**8.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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