

CHAPTER 59.

An Act respecting Statistics.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Minister of Agriculture shall, from time to time, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, make such rules and regulations, and prescribe such forms as appear necessary and expedient for the purpose of collecting, abstracting, tabulating and publishing vital, agricultural, commercial, criminal and other statistics; and such rules, regulations and forms, when assented to by the Governor in Council and published in the *Canada Gazette*, shall have the force of law.

42 V., c. 21, s. 28.

2. The Minister of Agriculture shall, whenever the said rules, regulations and forms have been assented to and published in the *Canada Gazette*, and the arrangements contemplated by section four of this Act have been consummated, proceed to collect the said vital, agricultural, commercial, criminal and other statistics, in such ways and manner as are found most practicable; and thereafter, when and so often as it seems to the said Minister that the statistics collected are of sufficient value and authenticity to render their publication advantageous, he shall cause the same to be published in such form and mode as the Governor in Council prescribes.

42 V., c. 21, s. 29.

3. The Governor in Council, on a report of the Minister of Agriculture as to the fitness of the persons to be appointed, may, from time to time, appoint such officers, clerks and other employees as are necessary for the purposes of this Act; and such officers, clerks and employees shall hold office during pleasure. The Governor in Council may also appoint temporary clerks or employees for an indefinite period, -- the term of whose service shall cease and determine upon notice given to them by the Minister of Agriculture, when such portion of the statistical labors for which they were so engaged, and for which they were employed, is terminated.

42 V., c. 21, s. 30.

4. Whenever, in any Province or Territory, any system is established or any means exist of collecting vital, agricultural, commercial, criminal or other statistics, the Minister of Agriculture may be authorized by the Governor in Council to arrange with the Lieutenant Governor in Council

of such Province or Territory, or with the organization so possessed of such system, for the collection and transmission of such information as is required by schedules prepared by the Minister of Agriculture, and approved by the Governor in Council, for the procuring of such vital, agricultural, commercial, criminal and other statistics.

42 V., c. 21, s. 31.

5. The Minister of Agriculture may, in collecting statistics, in the manner provided by this Act, call upon any and all public officers to furnish to him copies of papers and documents and such information as lie respectively in the power of such officers to furnish, with or without compensation for so doing, as is regulated, from time to time, by the Governor in Council.

42 V., c. 21, s. 32.

6. The Minister of Agriculture may cause to be abstracted and tabulated in a concise form, for easy reference, such information on various subjects susceptible of being represented by figures, as is contained in the departmental or other public reports and documents.

42 V., c. 21, s. 33.

7. The Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Agriculture to cause special statistical investigations, as regards subjects, localities or otherwise, to be made in the manner and by the means prescribed in such authorization of the Governor in Council.

42 V., c. 21, s. 34.

8. The Minister of Agriculture shall cause all statistical information obtained to be examined, and any omissions, defects or inaccuracies discoverable therein, to be supplemented and corrected as far as practicable.

42 V., c. 21, s. 35.

9. Every one who wilfully gives false information or practises any deception in furnishing information provided for by this Act, shall, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

42 V., c. 21, s. 36.

10. Copies of the rules and regulations made and reports of the proceedings had under this Act shall be included in the annual report of the Minister of Agriculture.

42 V., c. 21, s. 37, part.

11. The Minister of Agriculture shall cause the information collected by virtue of this Act, and under the rules and regulations hereinbefore

provided, to be compiled and tabulated, and the abstracts then made to be published at as early a date after the reception of the information as the nature and magnitude of the work and the force of the staff provided for it allow; he may also cause to be added to such returns, such proportions, ratios and other statistical deductions as are drawn from the information obtained by virtue of this Act.

42 V., c. 21, s. 37, part.

12. The respective salaries of officers, clerks and other employees, appointed by virtue of this Act, the fees or compensations to be paid for obtaining information as provided by sections four and five of this Act, and the office and other contingent expenses necessary for the purposes of this Act, shall be fixed by the Governor in Council, and shall be paid out of any moneys provided by Parliament for that purpose.

42 V., c. 21, s. 38.
