A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to provide for taking the Census of the Colony and for obtaining other Statistical Information.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for taking the Census of the Colony during the A.D. 1865, and in every fifth year thereafter; *Long Title.*

And whereas it is also expedient to make provision for Collecting Annually other Statistical Information, *Preamble.*

Be it, therefore, Enacted by the Governor, on Her Majesty's behalf, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, as follows: *Enacting Clause.*

1. The Governor in Council shall appoint, from time to time, as occasion may require, three members of the Executive Council to be a Board of Statistics. *Governor appoints Board of Statistics.*

2. The Governor in Council may appoint a suitable person to be the Secretary of the Board of Statistics, or assign the duties of that office to any of the Clerks in the office of the Colonial Secretary or Treasurer. *Secretary of Board.*

3. The Board shall prepare or cause to be prepared, printed, and circulated, as hereinafter provided, all such forms and instructions as shall seem to them best adapted to the purposes of this Act. *Forms prepared &c., by Board.*

4. The Board is hereby anthorized and empowered to appoint, from time to time as may be required, as many persons to be Enumerators and take the Census hereinafter provided for as to them shall seem sufficient. *Board appoints Enumerators.*

5. The Board shall supply the Enumerators with all such forms and instructions as may be necessary to the correct taking of the Census on or before the first of September in every year in which a Census shall be taken. *Board to supply forms to Enumerators.*

6. The forms to be issued by the Board to the Enumerators shall be in the form in the Schedule to the Act annexed, with such additional inquiries as to the Board shall seem requisite; and the Board may alter any part of the said Schedule which may, in practice, be found inconvenient. *Forms in schedule may be altered &c.*

7. The Board shall have the general supervision of the Statistics of the Colony, and shall cause to be prepared annually, and laid before the Houses of the Legislature at an early period of the Session in each year, a general report of such Statistics; and such general report shall contain returns of of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Coroner's Inquests, and all Convictions, Fines, and Forfeitures; and shall also contain such information relative to to the Trade, Manufactures, Agriculture, and Population of the Colony, as they may be able to obtain; and shall also contain all such other Statistical Information respecting the Colony as they may deem to be of public interest. *Board has general supervision of the statistics of the Colony.*

8. The first general Census of the Colony shall be taken between the first day of September and the thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1865; and a like general Census shall be taken between the first and thirty-first day of the same months in every fifth year afterwards. *Census in 1865 and every fifth year afterwards.*

9. The Board, before appointing Enumerators, shall divide up the Colony into districts, to be called "Census Districts," following the division for Electoral Districts; but the Board shall have power to unite two or more Electoral Districts so as to form one Census District, or to divide an Electoral District into two or more Census Districts; and when no Electoral District exists, the Board shall form such Census District or Districts as shall to them seem best adapted to the purposes of this Act. *Board to make Census Districts.*

10. If practicable, only such person or persons as may reside in a Census District shall be appointed Enumerator or Enumerators. *Enumerators to be residents if practicable.*

11. Enumerators, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take the following oath before some Justice of the Peace: *Oath of Enumerator.*

"I, A. B——, do solemnly swear that I will do my duty as an Enumerator to the best of my ability. So help God."

12. Any Justice of the Peace may administer the oath mentioned in the last section; but no fee shall be taken therefor. *No fee for administering oath.*

13. The Enumerators shall visit every house within their respective districts, and take an account in writing, according to the forms and instructions supplied to them by the Board, of everything specified in the said forms. *Enumerators visit every house, &c.*

14. The Enumerators, within their respective districts, may demand from the head of every family, or from any member of the family being more than twenty-one years of age, or from the owners or managers of factories and companies, or from others having knowledge of the matters being inquired into, not being minors, true answers to all questions necessary for the purpose of taking such accounts as are referred to in section thirteen of this Act; and any person who shall not answer, or shall wilfully give a false answer to any such questions, and also, any person who shall wilfully obstruct an Enumerator in the execution of his duties, shall, for every such offence, be subject to a fine of not less than fifty nor more one hundred dollars; and such fine may be recovered in a summary manner before any Justice of the Peace of the Colony. *May demand true answers from all persons.* *Fines for false answers.*

15. Each Enumerator shall sign his return, and certify therein that the same has been truly and faithfully taken by him, and that the same is correct so far as he can ascertain; and he shall lodge the same with the Secretary of of the Board of Statistics, or within the office of the Colonial Secretary within one month after such account shall have been taken. *Enumerator to certify to correctness of return of Census.*

Secretary to examine returns.

Abstract of.

Returns to be laid before Legislature.

16. The Secretary of the Board shall examine the returns made by the Enumerators, and cause any defect or inaccuracy discovered therein to be supplied or corrected by the Enumerators as far as possible; and the Secretary shall make an abstract of the returns in such form as may be required by the Board; and the Board shall cause copies of such abstract to be laid before the Houses of the Legislature within the first ten days of the Session then next ensuing; or, in case the Legislature be in Session at the time of the completion of the said abstract, then within ten days after it has been completed, if the Legislature be not sooner prorogued or dissolved.

Original returns kept.

17. The original returns of the Enumerators shall be kept among the records of the office of the Board of Statistics, or in the office of the Colonial Secretary, and shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable hours.

Enumerators may be fined.

18. Any Enumerator who shall not perform the duties required of him by this Act shall, for every offence, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars; and such fine may be recovered in a summary manner before any Justice of the Peace of the Colony.

Offences not mentioned, a misdemeanor.

19. Any person who shall not comply with the requirements of this Act in any matter for which no punishment is herein specially provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished therefor by any Court having competent jurisdiction.

Accounts of Enumerators.

20. Each Enumerator who shall make and transmit to the Secretary of the Board, or to the Colonial Secretary, a faithful return of the forms issued by the Board, within the time limited for that purpose, shall be entitled to be paid out of the general revenue such sum or sums of money as may have been agreed upon by the Board and Enumerator; and if the service shall be agreed to be done by days' work, no greater sum than five dollars for each day shall be paid; Provided always that the Enumerator's account for services shall be certified to as correct by the Board or the Secretary thereof, or by both, before presentation to the Treasurer; and if such account be so certified, the Treasurer shall pay the same on presentation.

Record to be kept of the transactions of the Board.

21. The Secretary of the Board shall keep and record in a book or books a true and correct account, without comment, of all the transactions of the Board, including the expenses in taking the Census, or in Collecting Statistics Annually, and any expenses in anywise appertaining to the Board of Statistics; and the Board shall annually cause an abstract of such expenses to be laid before both Houses of the Legislature.

22. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "THE CENSUS ACT, 1864."

SCHEDULE.

QUESTIONS.

BUILDINGS.

1. How many inhabited houses?
2. By how many families inhabited?
3. Number of houses now building?
4. " inhabited houses?
5. " stores, barns, and outhouses?

INHABITANTS, OF VARIOUS AGES.

6. Number of males under ten years of Age?
7. " females under ten years of age?
8. " males from 10 to 20?
9. " females " 10 " 20?
10. " males " 20 " 30?
11. " females " 20 " 30?
12. " males " 30 " 40?
13. " females " 30 " 40?
14. " males " 40 " 50?
15. " females " 40 " 50?
16. " males above 50?
17. " famales above 50?

MARRIED.

18. Number of married persons of both sexes?

WIDOWERS.

19. Number of Widowers?

WIDOWS.

20. Number of widows?

RATEPAYERS OR TAXPAYERS.

21. Number of rate or taxpayers?

PAUPERS.

22. Number of paupers?

DEAF AND DUMB.

23. Number of males deaf and dumb?
24. " females " "

BLIND.

25. Number of males blind?
26. " females "

LUNATICS.

27. Number of male lunatics?
28. " female "

IDIOTS.

29. Number of male idiots?
30. " female "

INDIANS.

31. Number of male Indians, including children?
32. " female " " "

COLORED PERSONS.

33. Number of colored males, including children?
34. " " females " "

ASSESSMENTS.

36. Amount of assessment on real estate for the Colony?
37. " " personal property "
38. " " real estate for city of ..... ?
39. " " personal property for city of..... ?
40. Highest rate for poor in (*name place*)?
41. Lowest rate for poor (*name place*)?

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

42. Assessed value of real estate?
43. Probable " " "
44. Assessed " personal property?
45. Probable " " "

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

46. Number of births the preceding year?
47. " deaths " "
48. " marriages " "

NUMBERS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS.

49. Number of clergymen or ministers?
50. " doctors?
51. " farmers?
52. " mechanics?
53. " merchants and traders?
54. " persons engaged in the fisheries?
55. " " " gold mining?
56. " " " copper mining?
57. " " " coal mining?
58. " seamen registered?
59. " persons employed at sea?
60. " " " in lumbering?
61. " barristers, &c.?
62. " solicitors, &c.?

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

63. Number of churches and places of worship of each denomination?

SCHOOLS AND PUPILS.

64. Number of schools in district?
65. " children attending school?
66. " male children " "
67. " female " " "

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS.

68. Number of Church of England?
69. " Catholics?
70. " Kirk of Scotland?
71. " Freechurch of Scotland?
72. " Presbyterians?
73. " Methodists?
74. " Baptists?
75. " Congregationalists?
76. " Universalists?
77. " Lutherans, Quakers, and other denominations?

IMPROVED LAND.

78. Number of acres of improved land, and average value?
79. " " unimproved land?

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

80. Number of tons of hay cut?
81. " bushels of wheat raised?

82. Number of bushels of barley raised?
83. " " rye "
84. " " oats "
85. " " buckwheat "
86. " " Indian corn "
87. " " peas "
88. " " beans "
89. " " potatoes "
90. " " turnips "
91. " " other root crops raised?
92. Quantity of timothy and clover seed "

AGRICULTURAL STOCK.

93. Number of neat cattle?
94. " milch cows?
95. " horses?
96. " sheep?
97. " swine?

FISHERIES.

98. Number of vessels engaged in fisheries, and men on board?
99. Amount of tonnage engaged in fisheries?
100. Number of boats engaged in fisheries, and men on board?
101. Number of nets and seines?
102. Quantity of dry cured codfish?
103. " " " other fish?
104. " salmon caught and cured?
105. " herrings " " by pickling?
106. " smoked " " "
107. Quantities and value of other fish caught and cured?
108. Quantity and value of fish oil?

MILLS AND FACTORIES.

109. Number and value of saw-mills, and number of hands employed?
110. " " grist-mills " " "
111. " " tanneries " " "
112. " " foundries " " "
113. " " weaving establishments " "
114. " " breweries " "
115. " " distilleries " "
116. " " handlooms?
117. " " factories other than above and hands employed?
118. " " steam mills or factories?

ARTICLES MANUFACTURED.

119. Number of yards of cloth manufactured last year, and kinds and value?
120. Value of boots and shoes manufactured last year?
121. " leather "
122. " candles "
123. " soap "
124. " agricultural implements manufactured?
125. " chairs and cabinet ware "
126. " carriages and wagons "
127. " wooden ware other than above "
128. " iron castings "
129. Number and value of steam engines "
130. Quantity of coal raised?
131. " iron smelted, and value?
132. " copper " "
133. " gold, and "
134. Number of gallons of malt liquor manufactured?
135. " " distilled " "
136. Casks of lime burnt, and value?
137. Quantity of bricks manufactured, and value?
138. " butter " "
139. " cheese " "
140. Number of vessels built, and tonnage and value?
141. " boats built, and value?
142. Quantity of deal made, and "
143. " pine boards made, and value?
144. " spruce boards made, and value?
145. " squared timber made, and value?
146. " ship's spars, and value?
147. " staves manufactured, and value?