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**An Act to make temporary provision for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and for other purposes relating to the same object. (25th February, 1832.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas His Excellency the Right Honorable Matthew Lord Aylmer, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor in Chief, has been pleased by His Message bearing date the thirty-first day of January one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-one, to recommend to the favorable consideration of the Legislature the expediency of making provision for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb in this Province, and whereas it is expedient that temporary provision should be made for the same: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Québec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted, the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of an instrument under his hand to appoint one or more persons to be Commissioners for carrying into effect that part of the first section of a certain Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, chapter seven, intituled, "An Act to make further provision for the encouragement of Education in this Province and to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned," which appropriates a sum of money not exceeding one hundred pounds currency for obtaining the necessary information concerning the site and the purchase or renting of a lot of ground or of a building for the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and proper plans and estimates thereof.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that such Commissioners shall have the superintendence of the School for the Deaf and Dumb established in the City of Québec, by Ronald Macdonald, and that to such Commissioners the said sum of one hundred pounds currency and the several sums appropriated by this Act shall be advanced and shall by them be paid, applied and expended for the purposes for which they are respectively appropriated.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government, by Warrant under his hand, and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands, of the Receiver General, to

pay a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-five pounds currency to defray the expense of the Board and Lodging of Pupils instructed gratuitously at the said School for the Deaf and Dumb kept by Mr. Ronald Macdonald at the rate of twenty-two pounds ten shillings currency per annum; and a further sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds currency, for purchasing such articles as may be necessary for the use of the said school; and a further sum not exceeding seventy-two pounds, currency to pay the rent for the year ending first May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, of the building in which the said school is now kept; and a further sum not exceeding seventy-two pounds currency to pay the rent of the building in which the school shall be then kept for the year ending first May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three; and a further sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency as a compensation to the instructor of the Deaf and Dumb at the said school from the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two to the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, shewing the sum advanced to the Accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance, (if any,) remaining in his hands, and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made, remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver General, and that every such account shall be supported by Vouchers therein distinctly referred to by numbers corresponding to the numbering of the Items in such account, and shall be made up to and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October in each year, during which such expenditure shall be made and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench or a Justice of the Peace, and shall be transmitted to the Officer whose duty it shall be to receive such account, within fifteen days next after the expiration of the said periods respectively.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated by this Act shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct, and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several branches of the Provincial Legislature, within the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.