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3 William IV – Chapter 4

An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of the Parliament of this Province, chapter twenty-sixth, concerning the encouragement of Elementary Schools. (3d April, 1833)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is necessary to make certain alterations and amendments in the Act passed in the last Session of the present Provincial Parliament, Chapter twenty six, relating to Elementary Schools: 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 Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province"; and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the first Section of the said Act passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and for the further encouragement of Elementary Schools in the Country parts of this Province," shall be and the said Section is hereby repealed from and after the fifteenth day of May next.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from the fifteenth day of May next, until the fifteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, there shall be allowed and paid out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, the sums hereinafter mentioned for the encouragement of the Elementary Schools situated without the limits of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal and of the Town of Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], kept according to the provisions of the Act herein before cited, that is to say: for twenty-two School Districts in the County of Bonaventure: for fourteen in the County of Gaspé; for thirty-five in the County of Rimouski: for thirty-four in the County of Kamouraska; for twenty-five in the County of l'Islet; for forty-nine in the County of Bellechasse; for thirty-seven in the County of Dorchester; for sixty-seven in the County of Beauce; for seventeen in the County of Megantic [Lac Megantic]; for forty-one in the County of Lotbiniere; for forty-one in the County of Nicolet; for twenty-seven in the County of Yamaska; for ten in the County of Drummond; for fifty-one in the County of Sherbrooke; for sixty-two in the County of Stanstead; for forty-eight in the County of Missiskoui [Brome-Missisquoi]; for twenty-five in the County of Shefford; for twenty-nine in the County of Richelieu, and the Borough of Sorel; for thirty-one in the County of St. Hyacinthe; for forty-seven in the County of Rouville; for seventeen in the County of Verchères; for thirty-five in the County of Chambly; for thirty four in the County of Laprairie; for thirty in the County of l'Acadie; for fifty-nine in the

County of Beauharnois; for twenty-four in the County of Vaudreuil; for nineteen in the County of Ottawa; for forty-nine in the County of Two Mountains [Deux-Montagnes]; for twenty-three in the County of Terrebonne; for twenty-one in the County of Lachenaye [Lachenaie]; for thirty-six in the County of l'Assomption; for eighteen in the County of Montreal; for forty-eight in the County of Berthier; for thirty-six in the County of St. Maurice; for twenty-seven in the County of Champlain; for forty-five in the County of Portneuf; for twenty-three in the County of Québec; for ten in the County of Montmorency; for nineteen in the County of Saguenay; for ten in the County of Orleans; for one Elementary School in a central situation in such of the said Districts herein above enumerated, at the rate of twenty pounds currency per annum; and for one additional and separate School for Girls in the School Districts in each Roman Catholic Parish or Mission in which there is a Church or Chapel, at the rate of twenty pounds currency per annum: Provided always, that such Schools for Girls shall be open for the tuition of all the female Children in such Parish or Mission at the same rates as the other Schools.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from the fifteenth of May next, it shall be allowed to the School Visitors acting under the provisions of the Act hereby amended, in addition to the ten shillings allowed by the second Section of the said Act, as an encouragement to be by them distributed among the children whom they shall find to excel in each School District; an additional sum of ten shillings to be employed in the same manner, and for the same purpose, in the Girl's School which may be kept in each Roman Catholic Parish or Mission, in conformity to the provisions of the first Section of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that besides the persons designated in the fourteenth Section of the Act hereby amended, as School Visitors, the Superiors or Professors of all Colleges and Academies, the Presidents of Societies for promoting Education now in existence may also act as Visitors for the purpose of carrying the said fourteenth Section into effect, and the School Visitors (being at least three in number) shall be and are hereby authorized in any such visit to extend the age, (such age being above fifteen years) at which pupils may be admitted and make part of the number required to give a right to the allowance, according to the state of the population of the County, of the Parish, or of the Township; and they shall make an entry of such extension of age in the minute book of the School for which the alteration shall have been made: and it shall in like manner be lawful for the said Visitors, being at least three in number, to alter the School hours (if they find that from peculiar circumstances it is necessary so to do) by making in alike manner an entry in the minute book to that effect.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that after the said fifteenth day of May next, the Returns required under the said fourteenth Section, shall be made up to the fifteenth of November and the fifteenth of May, in the form prescribed in the said Section, and the payments shall be made in the manner prescribed in the said Section with as little delay as possible.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the said Visitors shall find any School kept bona fide, since the Second Monday in the Month of August in any School District, which School would have been entitled to the allowance, if the meeting of the Inhabitants had taken place, and if the Trustees had been elected in conformity to the Act hereby amended, they are in such case authorised to grant the allowance for such School for the time during which it shall have been kept, by making an entry of their determination to that effect in the minute Book of such School; and that whenever any shall have been bona fide held in any School District (other than the School regularly established for such District) for more than thirty-five pupils regularly attending thereat, the said Visitors as aforesaid may certify the same by an entry in the minute Book of the School of the District, and may include in their Return the name of the Master, who shall thereby become entitled to the allowance, provided the total number of the Schools recommended in such Return do not exceed the number fixed for such County in the first Section of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Visitors as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby in like manner authorised to augment the number of poor Children whom the Trustees may place in each School from ten to fifteen, and shall make an entry thereof in the minute Book of the School: Provided that at the time such augmentation is made there shall be attending such School at least twenty Pupils who pay, and who attend the School regularly; and that the said Visitors may also dispense with that provision which requires that no poor Child shall be admitted gratuitously into any School unless there be attending the School one Child from the same family who is paid for.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the said Visitors shall find in any School a Teacher qualified to teach and actually teaching a class in English, in a place where the language of the majority of the Inhabitants is French; or teaching French in a place where the language of the majority of the Inhabitants is English, they shall make an entry thereof in the minute book of such School and such Teacher shall be entitled to four pounds currency per annum in addition to the twenty pounds currency, provided by the Act herein before cited; and the said sum of four pounds, shall be paid to the Trustees for the use of such Teacher.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a number of copies of this Act shall be sent to the Members for the several Counties, equal to the number of School Districts in the County they represent, and also sufficient additional number of forms of Returns conformable to the provisions of the law, for the purposes of enabling the Members and the Trustees of Schools to make their return half yearly.

X. 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 (excepting only the School Visitors for the sums by them expended in encouraging those pupils whom they shall find to excel) shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, showing 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 amount 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 fifteenth day of April and fifteenth 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.

XI. 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.