

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the fourth session of the fourteenth Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1834.

4 William IV – Chapter 34

An Act for the further encouragement of Education throughout the Province.

18th March, 1834.—Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved for the signification of His Majesty's Pleasure thereon.

15th August, 1854.—Assented to by His Majesty in Council.

7th January, 1835.—The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the encouragement of Elementary Education in this Province, and to make certain Legislative enactments for the same purpose:—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 in addition to the sums appropriated by the Acts for the encouragement of Elementary Schools now in force, the number of additional School Districts hereinafter mentioned shall be allowed and paid for, half yearly, from and after the fifteenth day of May next after the passing, of this Act, during the time that the appropriations aforesaid shall continue, payable, and in conformity to the provisions of the said Acts, that is to say—in the County of Drummond eight—in the County of Rouville, thirteen—in the County of Beauharnois, three in the County of Saint Maurice, four—in the County of the Two Mountains [Deux-Montagnes], four— in the County of Quebec, seven—in the County of Stanstead, ten.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the said fifteenth day of May, and during the time the appropriations aforesaid, shall remain payable, it shall be lawful for the School Visitors (not being less than three in number) who shall actually visit the Schools in any County of this Province, or for a majority of them, to allow to the best Teacher having the best attended and conducted School, and whose pupils shall have made the greatest progress, in each Parish or Township in such County, a sum not exceeding ten pounds currency, in addition to the allowance now made by Law, and the

allowances so made, being, entered in the School Return for the County, shall be paid in the same manner and out of the same funds as the allowances payable on account of such Schools under the Laws now in force. Provided always, that no such additional allowance shall be entered in the Return as aforesaid, or shall be paid for any School, unless one or more classes in such School be successfully taught in French or, English Grammar, Geometry and Book-keeping; and provided also, that when in any Parish or Township in any County, no such School shall be found by the Visitors, it shall and may be lawful for a majority, of the Visitors for the County, present at any meeting called by any one Visitor, by notice left at the domicile of the other Visitors respectively, and stating the object of the meeting, to allow out of the sums which would have been payable within such County under this Act, if such Schools had been found in each Parish or Township, therein, a sum not exceeding in any case fifty pounds currency, per annum, for any superior Institution for Education within the County in which the branches of Education above-mentioned are successfully, taught, and for which superior Institution no appropriation shall be then payable under any Act of the Provincial Legislature.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that-it shall be lawful for the Visitors aforesaid, or a majority of them, on satisfactory evidence-adduced before them-, that any School House advantageously placed for the attendance of. the children in any School District; has been erected between the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and the first day of January; one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, and has been held from a time prior do-the latter date, by the Trustees duly elected for such School District, under a good and sufficient title, and is then actually used as an Elementary School House for such District, to allow one half of the actual disbursements incurred, for and about such School House and the lot of ground on which it stands, such disbursements being also satisfactorily proved to the Visitors aforesaid, and the amount may be included in the Return of Schools for the County in which such School House may be, and shall be paid in the same manner and form and out of the same funds as the allowances now payable for the encouragement of Elementary Schools, and at any time during which such allowances shall remain payable. Provided always, that the amount to be so paid on account of any one School House, shall not exceed the sum of fifty pounds currency.

IV. 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 then next Session- thereof.