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An Act to repeal part of and to amend the Laws now in force for establishing Public Schools in the several Districts of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same. (Passed 12th July, 1819.)

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas, it hath been found expedient to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to establish Public Schools in each and every District of this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same;*" Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, '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 by the authority of the same, That provision be made by Law, for the establishing of a Public School in the District of Gore.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and out of the rates and duties raised, levied and collected, or hereafter to be raised, levied and collected, to and for the Public uses of this Province, and unappropriated, there be granted annually to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the sum of one hundred pounds which sum of one hundred pounds shall be appropriated and applied, and disposed of in paying the salary of the Teacher of the said School, which said sum of one hundred pounds shall be paid by the Receiver General of this Province in discharge of such warrant or warrants as shall for that purpose be issued by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, and 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 be pleased to direct..

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and maybe lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint Trustees and a Teacher in the said District of Gore, under the like provisions as are contained in the said Act of the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to establish Public Schools in each and every District of this Province.*"

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees of each and every District School within this Province, shall direct a public examination of their respective Schools, to be held previous to the usual annual vacation, at which they or a majority of them shall assist, and it is hereby required, that such public examination shall be holden every year at the time aforesaid.

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V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees for the respective District Schools as aforesaid, in each and every District in this Province, shall and they are hereby required once in every year, after the public examination as aforesaid, to report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, the state of the said Schools, the number of Scholars, the state of Education, with the different branches taught in the said School, the number of Scholars who have completed their Education, together with all other matters and things that may tend to cherish the prosperity of the said Schools, or that may in any wise benefit the same, that the said report may be laid before the Legislature at its first meeting, for their inspection.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in order to extend the benefit of a liberal Education to promising children of the poorer inhabitants, the Trustees of each and every School have the power of sending Scholars, not exceeding ten in number, to be taught *gratis*, at the respective District Schools.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Scholars so to be taught as aforesaid, shall once in every four years be drawn by lot, in manner following, viz: the Trustees for the Common Schools now or hereafter to be established by virtue of any Act of the Parliament of this Province, shall and they are hereby authorised to return the name or names of one or more, not exceeding four from each Common School, of the most promising Scholars as aforesaid, of their respective Schools, to the Trustees of the District Schools for the District in which they shall respectively reside, which Trustees shall, and they are hereby required, at a special meeting to be openly held for that purpose, inscribe each and every name so returned to them on a separate and distinct slip of paper, being all as nearly as possible, of the same size, which slip of paper shall be put into a box or glass, to be provided for that purpose, and at such meeting as aforesaid, the same shall in the presence of the said Trustees, be openly drawn by some disinterested person, and each and every Scholar so chosen as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive his Education gratuitously at the said District School, and the Teacher thereof shall, and he is hereby required to educate such Scholar as aforesaid.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case any vacancy shall ensue in consequence of the refusal or decease, or from any other cause whatever of any Scholar or Scholars drafted as aforesaid, to be taught in the District School, it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees of the Common School, from which such Scholar or Scholars shall have been drafted, to make a second ballot to fill up the vacancy.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the third clause of the said Act, entitled, "An Act to establish Public Schools for each and every District in this Province," as relates to the Public Schools in the District of London and Johnstown, be and the same is hereby repealed.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Public School for the District of London shall be opened and kept in the Town of Vittoria, in the Township of Charlotteville; and the

Public School for the District of Johnstown, shall be opened and kept in the Village of Brockville, in the Township of Elizabeth Town; That the Public School for the District of Gore, shall be opened and kept at the Town of Hamilton in the District of Gore.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That to every Teacher hereafter to be appointed, there shall be only fifty pounds paid, unless the average number of Scholars exceeds ten.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the certificate required from the Trustees, by the twelfth clause of the said Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, shall declare that, "At a Public Meeting of the Trustees of the District School, upon due notice given for that purpose, a majority of the Trustees being present, We certify, &c. &c."