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**An Act for the relief of insane persons and for the support of Foundlings and others therein mentioned. (21st March, 1811.)**

Whereas it is necessary and expedient to provide for the support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of intellect, be incapable of earning their subsistence, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants as may be hereafter, or have been heretofore inhumanely exposed and deserted, and require protection, and towards the aid and support of such religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above description, and that the Provisions for that purpose of the Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter eleventh, will expire on the first day of April next: Be it therefore 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 aforesaid, that from and after the first day of April eighteen hundred and eleven, it shall arid may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands or which may come into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, arising under all or any of the Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to apply and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds per annum towards the relief and support of such unfortunate persons as may, from derangement of Intellect, be incapable of earning their sustenance, and towards the maintenance of such new born Infants as may be hereafter or have been heretofore inhumanely exposed or deserted, and require protection, as also towards the relief of sick and infirm persons and towards the aid and support of such Religious Communities as receive and administer relief to persons of the above description, and the sum hereby appropriated shall be applied in such manner and under such regulations as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government shall judge most expedient for promoting the ends of this Act. Provided always, that the present Act shall continue and remain in force until the first day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirteen, and no longer.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners who may be appointed for carrying this Act into execution or any two of them, whenever any such Foundlings shall in the judgment of the said Commissioners have attained a proper age, to bind them out Apprentices, or from time to time to place them out with such person or persons, and on such terms and conditions as to such Commissioners or any two of them be considered fit. Provided always, that the term of any such Apprenticeship or of such placing out shall not, in any case, exceed the age of twenty one years.