

CAP. LV.

An Act to provide for the erection of a building for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Passed 14th April 1847.

WHEREAS it having been found necessary to erect a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, certain Commissioners have been appointed by the Government, under and by virtue of appropriation by Law, for the purpose of erecting such Building on a site near the City of Saint John, selected by the said Commissioners and approved of by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council: And whereas the said Commissioners have proceeded by contract to the erection of the said Building, but the Legislature have decided not to proceed with the said Asylum according to the terms of the said contract, and the plans and specifications therein referred to;

Preamble.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the said Commissioners so heretofore appointed, or any three of them, or any Commissioners hereafter to be appointed, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered further to contract, agree and enter into contracts with able and sufficient workmen for the erection of and completing on the said site, a Building suitable and proper for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, adapted to the present necessities of the Province, together with such out-offices and buildings as may be necessary therefor, for such sum or sums of money as may be found necessary, not however to exceed in all, for the erection of such building, offices and out-buildings, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds, and to receive bonds and other securities for the due performance of such contracts, and also to enforce the performance of such contracts, and if necessary, to sue, prosecute and recover upon such contracts, bonds or other securities, in any Court having competent jurisdiction in the premises; provided that no contract shall be entered into by the said Commissioners for the erection thereof, until the same, with the plans and specifications, shall have been first sanctioned by the Executive Government; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the erection of any such buildings on the site aforesaid, until the fee simple thereof shall have been first vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the use of the said Asylum, or until a good and sufficient agreement shall have been entered into to vest the same in manner aforesaid, when required so to do.

Commissioners empowered to contract for the necessary Buildings, for a sum not exceeding £12,500.

Plans and specifications to be previously sanctioned by the Executive Government, and the fee simple of the site vested in Her Majesty.

II. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of erecting the said building, offices and out-buildings, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to draw from the Province Treasury, in addition to the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds heretofore granted and applied by the said Commissioners, the further sum of ten thousand pounds; provided that not more than five thousand pounds be drawn during the present year.

£10,000 in addition to £2,500 already granted, may be drawn from the Treasury.

III. And be it enacted, That upon the due execution of a good and sufficient Grant and Conveyance to the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, of the said lot of Land so selected and approved of as a site for the said Provincial Lunatic Asylum, there shall be paid from the Provincial Treasury to the Grantor or Grantors of the said lot of Land, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, who is hereby authorized to issue the same, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, the sum of two thousand pounds.

On the execution of a Conveyance of the site £2000 to be paid from the Treasury to the Grantor.

IV.

Overseer of the building in its progress to be appointed, and compensation paid from money granted.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have power and authority to appoint some fit and proper person, to be approved of by the Executive Government, as a Surveyor or Overseer to superintend the erection of the said buildings, and to pay to the said person such reasonable and proper compensation or hire, as they may deem expedient, which shall be reckoned and considered as part of the expenses of such buildings, and be paid out of the sum so appropriated as aforesaid.

CAP. LVI.

An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools.

Passed 14th April 1847.

Three Trustees to be annually appointed by the Sessions.

I. **BE** it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the several Counties in this Province, at their respective Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, shall and may at the time of making the annual appointments of Town and Parish Officers, nominate and appoint three fit and proper persons to be Trustees of Schools for each of the several Towns and Parishes within their respective Counties, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and be in all respects subject to the same rules and regulations, penalties and forfeitures, as any other Town or Parish Officers are subject to, by virtue of an Act made and passed in the twenty sixth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for the appointment of Town or Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province*, and of another Act made and passed in the third year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act in addition to an Act, intituled 'An Act for the appointment of Town or Parish Officers in the several Counties of this Province.'*

16 G. 3, c. 28.

3 G. 4, c. 29.

Trustees to divide Parishes into School Districts ;

Their powers and duty in establishing and superintending Schools.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Trustees to divide their respective Parishes into as many School Districts as may from time to time be found convenient or necessary; and when the inhabitants of any District shall have provided a sufficient School House, agreed with a licenced Teacher for the term of six or twelve months, and secured the pecuniary or other allowances hereinafter mentioned for the Teacher, all being done with the consent and to the satisfaction of the said Trustees, or any two of them, of which they shall give to the proposed Teacher a written memorandum, then such Trustees shall consider such Teacher in the public service, and shall visit and inspect the School so established, at least once in six months during the period of engagement, with full power and authority to inquire into all matters appertaining to the said School, whether they affect regularity in attendance, instruction imparted, religious observances, compliance with the regulations of the Provincial Board of Education hereinafter mentioned, or the nature and satisfactoriness of the payments stipulated to be made to the Teachers; and to exhort, admonish or reprove for defects in these particulars, and to suspend or displace the Teacher for intemperance, immorality, repeated neglect of duty, or other misconduct, in which latter cases the said Trustees shall forthwith transmit a report of their proceedings to the Office of the Provincial Secretary, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being.

Governor and Executive Council constituted a Provincial Board of Education.

III. And be it enacted, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, shall, with Her Majesty's Executive Council, be constituted a Provincial Board of Education.