

*This Act becomes superfluous by its Reciprocity in the R. Laws with some alterations in 1861.
Page 115, Preamble.
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An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of the Parish Schools.

Passed 7th April 1852.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the better establishment of Parish Schools in this Province;

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

Acts
10 V. c. 56, and
12 V. c. 45,
repealed.
Reservations.

1. An Act made and passed in the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools*; also an Act made and passed in the twelfth year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools'*, are hereby repealed; provided such repeal shall not extend or be construed to extend to any proceeding had or any penalty incurred under and by virtue of the said Acts, or either of them, but that the Board of Education, and all appointments to office, all engagements, agreements and contracts made under the authority of the said Acts, or either of them, shall be valid and in full force, and binding upon all parties concerned, as if made under the authority of this Act, and shall so continue until altered, modified or suspended according to the provisions of this Act; and provided also, that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to have repealed any law of this Province, whereby provision was made for the payment of money from the Revenue of this Province towards the support of the Parish Schools, for services performed or to be performed under such laws.

*Repealed
N. L. N. 1. Page 484.*

Three Trustees of Schools in each Parish or District to be appointed or elected.

2. Three fit persons shall at the time of making or confirming the annual appointment of Town or Parish Officers, be appointed by the Courts of General Sessions in every County for every Town or Parish therein, or be chosen by the rate payers upon property in cases where the law shall so authorize and direct, as Trustees of Schools, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty in the same manner as other Town or Parish Officers, and be in all respects subject to the same rules and regulations, penalties and forfeitures, as other Town or Parish Officers are subject to, by virtue of an Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the local government of Counties, Towns and Parishes in this Province*, or by any other Act or Acts that may now or hereafter be in force in this Province for the like purpose.

13 V. c. 30.

Trustees to divide their Parishes into Districts, and concur in engagements with Teachers.

3. 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 and necessary; and when the inhabitants of any district shall have provided a sufficient School House, agreed with a Teacher, duly licenced, for a term not less than six months, and secured the pecuniary or other allowances hereinafter mentioned for the Teacher, all being done with the consent and approbation of the said Trustees, or any two of them, of which they shall give the proposed Teacher a memorandum in writing, then such Trustees shall consider such Teacher in the Parish School service; and it shall also be the duty of the said Trustees to suspend or displace any Teacher within the Parish for incapacity, intemperance, or any immoral or improper conduct; and in case of suspension or dismissal, the said Trustees shall forthwith transmit a report of their proceedings to the Provincial Superintendent of Schools to be appointed under the provisions of this Act, for the information of the Board of Education; and such dismissal shall be final, and the Teacher's licence cancelled, unless he or she appeal within thirty days to the said Board of Education, who may thereupon order an inquiry to be made by the local Inspector to

Power to suspend or displace Teachers.

to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, on whose report a final decision of the case shall be made; provided always, that the said Trustees in giving such approbation to the employment of any Teacher or Teachers, shall have regard to the Provincial bounty apportioned for the year by the Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, under the provisions of this Act, to the Parish in which the School or Schools is or are to be taught, so as not to extend the number of Schools in any one Parish beyond the number for which provision shall have been made.

4. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, shall, with Her Majesty's Executive Council and the said Superintendent, constitute a Provincial Board of Education, with full power and authority to grant Licences to teach under the authority of this Act; to regulate the different classes of Teachers; to determine all appeals of suspended or dismissed Teachers from the decision of the Trustees, and complaints against existing Teachers; and generally to carry this Act into effect; provided always, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, together with four other Members of the Board, of whom the said Superintendent shall be one, shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business.

The Governor, Executive Council, and Superintendent of Schools, to constitute a Provincial Board of Education

Power.

Quorum.

5. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, may from time to time by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Province, appoint a fit and proper person to be Chief Superintendent of Schools for the Province, who shall also discharge the duty of Secretary to the Board of Education, and shall hold his office during pleasure, and shall be allowed two hundred pounds currency per annum as a Salary for discharging the duties of such Superintendent and Secretary, and fifty pounds in addition to pay travelling charges and all other contingent expenses of his offices; and shall in the exercise of his duties as such Superintendent and Secretary as aforesaid, be subject to all lawful directions or orders that the Board of Education may from time to time give in respect thereto, and especially attend to the duties by this Act required of him as such Superintendent and Secretary as aforesaid.

Governor for the time being to appoint from time to time a chief Superintendent of Schools, to act also as Secretary to the Board.

Salary.

Subjection.

6. It shall and may be lawful for the said Board of Education, if they see fit, to establish, under proper regulations to be made by the said Board, one Training School for the Province, or to continue any Training School now in operation, with a Model School or Schools in connection therewith, for the instruction of male and female Teachers; and to appoint a Teacher to such Training School with a Salary not exceeding two hundred pounds per annum; and also a male and female Teacher to such Model School, with a Salary not exceeding the sum of sixty pounds per annum to the male Teacher, and not exceeding fifty pounds per annum to the female Teacher.

Board may establish a Training and Model School, or continue any now in operation.

Salaries of the Teachers.

7. It shall be the duty of the Teacher of the said Training School to train in the art of teaching such Teachers and Candidates as may attend, giving them a thorough knowledge of the best method of conducting a common Parish School, and especially teaching them the art of communicating the several branches of common school education in a manner best suited to the capacities, ages and conditions of the pupils who may thereafter be under their care.

Duty of the Teacher of the Training School.

8. The Board of Education are hereby authorized from time to time to appoint three fit and proper persons, of whom the Superintendent or one of the local Inspectors shall be one, to sit at Fredericton, Saint John or elsewhere, as may be found convenient, to examine candidates for the situation of Teachers, trained in such Training School, whom the Superintendent under the direction of the Board

Board may appoint two persons to sit with the Superintendent or local Inspector to examine trained candidates.

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may direct to be examined, which examiners shall report to the Board of Education the result of such examination and the qualifications of the respective candidates.

Board of Education to class the Teachers trained and examined.

No Teacher not already licenced to receive a first or second class licence without having first attended the Training School.

Qualification of first class Male Teacher.

Second class.

Third class.

Additional as to the first and second classes.

First class Female Teachers.

Second class.

Third class.

Third class licences to be granted to persons certified by the local Inspectors.

Teachers not already licenced and about to be employed under this Act to apply for licences before entering into an engagement.

Superintendent, under the direction of the Board, to enforce a system of instruction, select books, &c.

Governor in Council to appoint an Inspector of Schools for each County; and fix the salaries.

9. The Board of Education on receiving such Report of the examiners, with a certificate from the Training Master as to the moral character and the time or period of attendance of the applicant in the Training School, shall, at least once in every six months, cause all Teachers and Candidates so examined to be classed into first, second and third class Teachers; and no Teacher not already licenced shall be entitled after the passing of this Act to receive a first or second class licence without having first attended the Training School for a period of not less than three months, and passed his examination before the Board of Education, or before such person or persons as they may for that purpose appoint, and obtained a certificate of qualification according to the following acquirements:—

Male Teachers of the highest or first class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history and book keeping, geometry, mensuration, land surveying, navigation, and algebra:

Male Teachers of the second class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history, and book keeping:

Male Teachers of the third class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic:

And Male Teachers of the first and second class shall also be qualified and enjoined to impart to their scholars a knowledge of the geography, history and resources of the Province of New Brunswick and of the adjoining North American Colonies:

Female Teachers of the highest or first class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history, and common needlework:

Female Teachers of the second class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, and common needlework:

Female Teachers of the third class shall be qualified to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, and common needlework.

10. 'And with a view to the granting of third class licences to Teachers who shall not attend the Training School;' The Board of Education are hereby authorized to grant such licences to such person or persons as the local Inspector shall certify to the Superintendent to possess the necessary elementary knowledge and other qualifications, and to be of good moral character.

11. All Teachers not already licenced, to be employed under this Act, shall apply for and obtain licence to teach from the Board of Education previously to their being recognized or engaged in any School district, and such licences shall be given by direction of such Board, and shall be signed by the Superintendent.

12. The Superintendent, under the sanction of the Board of Education, shall and may, by regulations to be by him from time to time made, altered or amended, enforce such system of education and instruction in the Parish Schools respectively as the said Board may deem right, and as is consistent with the provisions of this Act, and also select and determine the description of books and apparatus to be used in all the Schools established under this Act, and may in general take such charge of the same as shall lead to the prevention of abuses, and the promotion of a good practical education.

13. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint during pleasure an Inspector of Parish Schools for each County in this Province, and shall fix and regulate the salaries or remuneration of such Inspectors, which in

no case shall exceed seven shillings and six pence for each inspection made, except in Counties where the remuneration shall by such computation amount to less than fifty pounds, which shall be the minimum allowance per annum for the inspection of Schools in any one County; and it shall be the duty of each Inspector so appointed, to visit and examine the Parish Schools respectively within his district four times in every year, and on such additional occasions as the Board of Education may specially direct; provided that no Inspector shall be paid for more than four inspections of any School in any one year; and at the time of each visit to examine into the state and condition of the Schools, as respects the progress of the pupils in learning, the order and discipline observed, the system of instruction pursued, the mode of keeping the School Registers, the average attendance of pupils, the character and condition of the buildings and premises, and to give such advice as he shall judge proper; to see that all the Schools under his superintendence are conducted according to law, to prevent the use of improper and to recommend the use of authorized books in each School, and to acquire and give information as to the manner in which such authorized books can be obtained, and the economy and advantages of using them; and to do all in his power to persuade and animate Parents, Guardians, Trustees and Teachers to improve the character and efficiency of the Parish Schools; and to prepare and transmit to the Superintendent, on or before the first day of November in each year, a report of the state of the Schools in his district, in such form as shall be appointed by the said Board, and which shall state—

Their duty on inspecting Schools.

To report annually to the Superintendent on or before the first day of November.

1st. The whole number of Schools and School districts in each Parish within the limits of each Inspector's district:

2nd. The number of pupils taught in each School over the age of five and under the age of sixteen years; and the number between the age of sixteen and twenty one years:

3rd. The length of time each School has been kept in each district by a qualified Teacher, the branches taught, the number of pupils in each branch, and the books used; the average attendance of male and female pupils in summer and winter:

4th. The amount of money which has been received and collected in each Parish during the year, distinguishing the amount apportioned from the Provincial Revenue, the amount realized by assessment, the amount subscribed and paid by the inhabitants, and the amount received from any other and what source or sources; and also how such money has been expended whether any part remains unexpended, and from what cause; the semi-annual salaries of the Teachers, male and female, with and without board:

5th. The number of School visits made during the year; the whole number of School Houses, their condition, the number rented, and the number erected during the year; of what character and by what means:

6th. The number of qualified Teachers, their classes, sexes, and religious persuasions; the number (so far as can be ascertained) of private Schools, and the number of pupils, and the branches taught therein; also any other information respecting the educational state, wants and advantages in each Parish within their respective districts, with such suggestions as may be deemed requisite, with a view to the improvement of Schools and diffusion of useful knowledge.

14. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, to prepare suitable forms, and give such instructions as shall be deemed necessary and proper for making all reports and conducting all proceedings under this Act, and to cause the same, with other regulations for the better organization

Superintendent to prepare forms and give instructions;

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Collect and diffuse information among the people.

Book fund vested in the Board of Education.

organization and government of Parish Schools, to be transmitted to the officers required to execute the provisions of this Act; also to cause to be printed from time to time in a convenient form, so many copies of this Act, with the necessary forms, instructions and regulations to be observed in executing its provisions, as may be deemed sufficient for the information of all officers and teachers, and to cause the same to be distributed for that purpose; and to collect information on the subject of education, and to diffuse the same among the people of the Province.

15. The balances of money and stocks of books, maps and apparatus purchased for use in the Parish Schools under the authority of any previous Act of Assembly relating to the Parish Schools, whether in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Education or of the Agents appointed to sell the said books, maps and apparatus, shall be due to the Provincial Board of Education under this Act, and be recoverable in any Court of Record of this Province in an action of debt instituted by order of the Board of Education, and in the name of the Superintendent; and the said Board of Education is hereby empowered to apply all balances of money now due, and the funds that shall arise from the further sale of books, maps and apparatus on hand, in providing such books, maps and apparatus for the use of the Parish Schools as they may deem proper, to be placed in charge of persons to be appointed for that purpose in the respective Counties, and sold for the use of such Schools at prices to be fixed by the said Board; and all persons appointed to sell such books and apparatus, shall on or before the thirty first day of December in every year, make a return of the books and apparatus sold, and also of the books and apparatus that may be remaining on hand, with an account of all sums of money by them respectively received during the year; the said returns and accounts to be sent to the Superintendent, and the several sums of money to be paid to the said Superintendent; which returns and accounts shall be laid before the Legislature within ten days after the opening thereof.

Duty of Teachers as respects their Schools.

16. It shall be the duty of the Teacher of every Parish School to teach diligently and faithfully all the branches of education required to be taught in the School, according to the terms of his engagement with the Trustees, and according to the provisions of this Act; to keep a daily register of the School, to maintain proper order and discipline therein, and generally to conduct the same according to the forms and regulations which shall be provided; also to keep a visitor's book, and enter therein the visits made to his School by the Inspector and Trustees respectively; also to exert his best endeavours both by example and precept to impress upon the minds of his scholars the principles of Christian religion, morality, and loyalty; provided that no child shall be required to read or study in or from any religious book, or to join in any exercise of devotion or religion, which shall be objected to by his or her parents or guardians.

Superintendent to apportion among all the Parish Schools money granted for their support.

17. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, annually to apportion all the money granted or provided by the Legislature for the support of Parish Schools, and not otherwise appropriated, among the several Parishes in the respective Counties, in proportion to the number and classes of Schools reported by the Inspectors respectively to have been efficiently conducted in the preceding year, not exceeding an average of two hundred pounds to each Parish in any one County, nor two hundred and sixty pounds to any one Parish therein; and to see that the moneys so apportioned are applied to the purposes for which granted; and inasmuch as no reports have been made for the last year, the said apportionment shall for the present year be made according to the number and description of Schools certified by the several Courts of Sessions during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

18. The Teachers shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer for teaching School under this Act, at and after the following rates, that is to say: Male Teachers of the first class, at and after the rate of thirty pounds per annum; of the second class, at and after the rate of twenty four pounds per annum; of the third class, at and after the rate of eighteen pounds per annum: and Female Teachers of the first class, at and after the rate of twenty two pounds per annum; of the second class, at and after the rate of eighteen pounds per annum; and of the third class, at and after the rate of fourteen pounds per annum: provided that no Teacher shall be entitled to be paid for teaching for a less period than six months, without the special sanction of the Board of Education, nor unless the inhabitants of the School district shall in each and every case have subscribed and paid towards the support of the Teacher, at the same rate and in the same proportion as the Provincial allowance to the Teachers granted in this section is to be paid; or shall have furnished such Teacher with board, washing and lodging, and such accommodations as may be necessary for the reasonable comfort of the Teacher during the period for which the School shall have been taught, being not less than six months; or shall have raised by Parish or district assessment, as hereinafter provided, an amount equal to the sum to be subscribed and paid for the support of the Teacher by the inhabitants of each School district as aforesaid.

Allowances to Teachers.
Male Teachers.
Female Teachers.
Proviso as to period of teaching;
and contribution of inhabitants.

19. When any School shall have been taught for a period of not less than six months in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Teacher shall exhibit to the Inspector of the County the original School Register and any other documents or returns prescribed by the Superintendent, and duplicates thereof; and if the said Inspector shall be satisfied that the School has been regularly kept, and the law complied with, he shall countersign the said School Register and other documents or returns, or the duplicates, with or without writing any special remarks thereon, and deliver them to the Teacher, together with a certificate in the following form, to be by such Teacher, together with the countersigned original or duplicate register and other documents or returns, forthwith transmitted by Post to the Superintendent:—

When a School has been kept six months, Register &c. to be exhibited to the Inspector, to be countersigned by him, and transmitted to the Superintendent, together with a certificate in a specified form.

“ I, A. B., the Inspector of Schools for the County of _____ do certify to the Provincial Board of Education, that in District number _____ (or called _____) a School House has been erected or provided; that C. D., a Teacher, being a British subject, of moral and sober habits, duly licenced, and of the _____ class of Teachers, has actually taught therein for the period of six months, that is, from the _____ day of _____ to the _____ day of _____ instant, (or last), to my satisfaction; and that the inhabitants of the said District (or Parish as the case may be) have subscribed and paid (or been assessed and paid, according to the fact) the sum of _____, (or have furnished the said Teacher during the said period with board, washing and lodging,) towards the support of the said School.

[Place and date of signing.]

A. B.,
Inspector of Schools
for the County of _____

20. The Superintendent shall at least semi-annually, under the direction of the Board, make out for each period a detailed Schedule for each County of all the Schools therein for which the requisite certificates, registers and other returns have been received by him, and approved by the Board, specifying in each such Schedule the name, sex and class of each Teacher, the District, Parish and County in which and the period during which each School has been kept, and the amount to be paid to each Teacher, and shall certify and transmit the same forthwith to the

Superintendent to make out a semi-annual schedule of Schools certified, and transmit the same to the Provincial Secretary.

Handwritten signatures and notes:
Under the
Superintendent
Provincial Secretary

Warrants on the Treasury to be issued in manner to be directed by the Board.

the Secretary of the Province; and Warrants on the Treasury, under the Hand and Seal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall thereupon be issued in such manner as may from time to time be directed by the said Board for the remuneration of the several Teachers named in each Schedule, to the amount therein specified, being at and after the rate set forth in this Act; provided that no greater sum than two hundred and sixty pounds for any one year, or one hundred and thirty pounds for any half year, shall be drawn from the Provincial Treasury for the Schools of any one Parish, nor any greater allowance be made to any one County than an average of two hundred pounds for one year, or one hundred pounds for a half year, for each and every Parish therein, (except as hereinafter provided,) to be apportioned and allowed according to the scale that shall from year to year be made by the Superintendent under the authority of the seventeenth section of this Act.

Trustees of Schools to admit free Scholars.

21. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of Schools, and they are hereby authorized and required, to admit free scholars, being the children of poor and indigent parents, into the Schools in their respective districts; provided that no greater number than five free scholars shall be admitted and taught in any one School at one and the same time.

Proceedings towards assessments for the support of Teachers, erection of School Houses, &c.

22. And for the purpose of raising money by assessment for the support of the Parish School Teachers, the erection or repair of School Houses, and the providing of fuel, light and other necessaries, or the supply of books, maps and apparatus, the following proceedings may be had:—On the application of ten or more resident freeholders and householders in any Parish, or of five or more resident freeholders or householders in any School district, the School Trustees, or any two of them, at the cost of the applicants, shall, by notice advertised for at least twenty days in a newspaper, if any be published in the Parish, and also posted for the like period in five or more public places in such Parish or district, call, attend and preside at a public meeting of the inhabitants rateable upon property in the Parish or district; and if a majority of the rate payers upon property present at such meeting, (there being present not less than twenty in the case of a Parish, or ten in the case of a School district,) shall agree to raise any sum or sums of money by assessment, either for the support of the Teacher or Teachers of such Parish or district, or for the purchase of lands whereon to erect a School House or School Houses, or for supplying such School or Schools with fuel, light and other necessaries, or for the building or repairing of any School House or School Houses, or for the purchase of any books, maps or other apparatus for the use of the Parish Schools in the Parish or district, or for any or all of such purposes, then shall the Trustees, or any two of them, transmit the vote of the said meeting to the Assessors of Rates; and the sum or sums so voted shall be assessed upon and collected from the inhabitants of the Parish or School district in which the Teacher or Teachers are to be supported, the School land is intended to be purchased, the School House erected or repaired, or supplied with fuel, light or other necessaries, or books, maps or other apparatus to be provided, in the same manner as taxes for the support of the poor of the Parish or district are by law assessed and collected; and when collected, the money shall be paid into the hands of the School Trustees of such Parish or district, to be by them laid out and expended in strict accordance with the desire of the majority voting at such meeting, as expressed by their written resolutions; and the Trustees are hereby required so to expend the money so assessed and collected, under a penalty of twenty pounds for each and every omission or neglect, or for any misapplication of the money so placed in their hands, to be recovered with costs by an action of debt

debt at the suit of any resident freeholder of the Parish or district in which the offence shall be committed, who may choose to prosecute for the same; which penalty when recovered shall be applied, one half to the prosecutor and the other half to the benefit of the Schools of the Parish or district in which the default took place.

23. In every Parish or district in which the assessment principle shall be adopted, and put in operation under the provisions of this Act, and the sum required to be paid by the inhabitants of the Parish or district to entitle the Teacher or Teachers to the Provincial allowance, shall have been assessed and paid as required by the preceding section of this Act, each of the Parish Schools in such Parish or district shall be entitled to, and shall receive annually thereafter, so long as such assessment shall be annually continued and paid, an additional allowance of twenty five per centum over and above what is allowed to Parish Schools of the same class in Parishes or districts in which the assessment principle has not been introduced, and the tuition money of the pupils attending such Schools shall thereafter not exceed the sum of two shillings and six pence per quarter.

Additional allowances to Teachers in districts in which assessments for the Teachers are made.

24. All the provisions of this Act, whether they regard the engagement, qualifications or duties of Teachers, Trustees, Inspectors or other officers, or any other matter or thing, shall extend and be applied to all Schools established under the assessment principle, so far as the same are applicable thereto.

Provisions of the Act to extend to Schools established on the assessment principle.

25. In all the Counties that shall or may be incorporated under the provisions of the Municipal Act, intituled *An Act to provide for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in this Province*, the taxation and assessment for the support of the Parish Schools shall and may be governed and regulated thereby, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, so as not to interfere with the amount to be assessed.

Assessments for Schools may be governed by the Municipal Act where such is in operation.

26. Every Trustee of a Parish School who shall knowingly sign a false report, and every Teacher of a Parish School who shall keep a false School Register or make a false return, and every Inspector who shall make a false report, shall for each offence forfeit the sum of ten pounds, and may be prosecuted before any Justice of the Peace by any person whatsoever, and convicted on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, and if convicted, the said penalty shall, if not forthwith paid, be levied, with costs, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, under warrant of such Justice, and paid over by him to the Trustees of Schools of the Parish in which the offence shall be committed, to be by such Trustees applied for the benefit of the Parish Schools therein; and for want of goods and chattels whereon to levy, the said offender shall be committed to the common gaol of the County, there to remain for a period of thirty days.

Penalty for making a false report, return, &c.

27. The Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, may, in cases where he may deem the same necessary, require sufficient security to be given by all officers or persons to whom shall be intrusted any money raised or granted under the provisions of this or any other Act for the benefit of Schools; and shall see that no deduction be made by way of commission or other charge on account of the receipt or expenditure of such moneys, or other services, beyond which may be allowed by the Board of Education.

Officers may be required to give security for money intrusted to them.

28. Any person who shall wilfully disturb, interrupt or disquiet the proceedings of any School meeting authorized to be held by this Act, or any School established under its authority, or shall wilfully injure any School House by breaking the windows thereof, or in any other manner, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding

Penalties for disturbing School meetings and Schools; and injuring School Houses.

exceeding forty shillings, and may be prosecuted before any Justice of the Peace by any person whatever, and convicted on the oath of one credible witness other than the prosecutor; and if convicted, the said penalty, if not forthwith paid, shall be levied, with costs, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, under a warrant of such Justice, and paid over by him to the County Inspector for the benefit of the Parish School fund in the Parish in which the offence shall be committed; and for want of goods and chattels whereon to levy the same, the offender shall be committed to the common gaol of the County, there to remain for the space of ten days.

A printed abstract of the School Reports, and a Report of the condition of the Schools, to be annually laid before the Legislature.

29. The Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, shall in each and every year prepare an abstract of all the School returns received from the Inspectors, and also a report of the actual condition and efficiency of the Parish Schools, embracing therein all the information he may be able to collect touching the educational system of the Province, and such plans and suggestions for the improvement thereof as he may deem applicable thereto, and shewing as far as he can ascertain, the amount of moneys expended for educational purposes in the Province, and from what source the same shall be derived; which shall be laid before the Legislature in a printed form within ten days after the opening thereof.

Method of defining School districts.

30. In order to divide the Parishes into School districts for the purposes of this Act, the Trustees shall express by words on paper the limits of each district by known and well defined boundaries, with or without reference to a plot or plan, and no actual survey shall be deemed necessary; they shall then file the written descriptive memorandum in the office of the Clerk of the Peace of the County in which the districts are situate, together with the plot or plan, if any such shall have been referred to; and a copy of the said descriptive memorandum, and of the plot or plan, if any, therein referred to, certified under the hand of such Clerk, shall be good evidence for the purposes of this Act in any Court of Justice or elsewhere, of the laying off of such districts by the Trustees therein named, and of the bounds thereof.

Pecuniary allowance may be made to pupil Teachers who have attended the Training School.

31. 'And whereas under the provisions of this Act no allowance is made for the expenses of pupils who shall hereafter attend the Normal School;' It shall and may be lawful for the Board of Education, in their discretion, in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the said Board that any pupil or pupils so hereafter attending such Normal School, has or have attended for the *bona fide* purpose of becoming instructed therein as Teachers of Schools in this Province, after they shall have respectively passed their examination, and received a licence to teach, and shall have commenced teaching as a Teacher or Teachers under the provisions of this Act, to allow the said pupils respectively, towards the payment of their expenses, a sum not exceeding ten shillings per week each during the time they may have attended such Normal School, not exceeding in any case twelve weeks.

Authority to draw on the Treasury.

32. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, is hereby empowered, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time to issue Warrants on the Provincial Treasury for the payment of the several allowances and salaries specified in this Act.

No Teacher to apply to the Legislature for remuneration, unless recommended by the Superintendent.

33. After the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Teacher of a School in this Province to make application to the Legislature by Petition or otherwise for any appropriation or sum whatever, for teaching, unless recommended by the Superintendent and sanctioned by the Board of Education.

Limitation of Act.

34. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

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