

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1836.

6 William IV – Chapter 13

An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony. (6th May, 1836.)

Whereas, for the encouragement of Education, it is expedient that the following sums of Money should be granted for the establishment and support of Elementary Schools throughout this Island, and that Regulations should be made concerning the same: —

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, that, for the purposes of this Act, from and out of such Monies as shall from time to time be and remain in the hands of the Treasurer of this Island, and not appropriated, there shall be granted and paid to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, annually, for the period of Five Years from and after the passing of this Act, the sum of Two Thousand and One Hundred Pounds Sterling; which said sum of Money shall be annually distributed and applied in the following manner and proportions, that is to say—Towards the support of the Schools established in this Island by the Newfoundland and British North America School Society, the sum of Three Hundred Pounds, in aid of the Orphan Asylum School at Saint John's, the sum of One Hundred Pounds; in aid of the Presentation Convent School at Saint John's, the sum of One Hundred Pounds; and in aid of the Saint Patrick's Free School at Harbor Grace, the sum of One Hundred Pounds;—which said sums of Money shall be paid to and applied under the directions of the Superintendant, for the time being, of the Schools of the Newfoundland and British North America School Society, and of the respective Trustees or Committees of management for the time being, of the said other Schools:—And towards the establishment and support of Elementary Schools throughout the Island, to be applied and expended under the superintendance of Boards of Education, to be appointed in the several Electoral Districts in the manner hereinafter provided, the sums following, respectively, that is to say—For the District of Saint John's, Two Hundred Pounds; the District of Conception Bay, Four Hundred Pounds; the District of Ferryland, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; the District of Placentia and Saint Mary's, Two Hundred Pounds; the District of Burin, One Hundred Pounds; the District of Fortune Bay, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; the District of Trinity Bay, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds; the District of Bonavista, One Hundred Pounds; the District of Fogo, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government, for the time being, immediately upon the passing of this Act, by Warrants under his Hand and Seal. to nominate and appoint, in each of the Nine Electoral Districts of this Island, Thirteen Persons, who shall be a Board of Education for every such District; in which Boards shall be included the senior or superior Clergyman of each of the several Religious Denominations, being actually resident within the District; and such Boards of Education shall, respectively, have full power and authority, so soon after their appointment as may be, from time to time to meet and assemble together, in their respective Districts, for the purpose of making Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the establishment and management of the Schools within their respective Districts, and the apportionment and distribution of the respective sums of Money hereby granted for the purposes of Education in their respective Districts, and of such further sums as may from time to time be granted towards the

maintenance of such Schools. Provided always, that Seven at least of such Persons shall be present at such meetings, and that Five at least of the Members of each Board shall consent and agree to such Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations, which shall be forthwith transmitted to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

III. And be it further enacted, That an annual meeting of each respective Board shall be holden on the first Wednesday in July in each year, for the purpose of choosing Chairmen and other Officers, auditing Accounts, and transacting all other business connected with their respective Institutions, and that the Chairmen of the said Boards of Education respectively shall, as soon thereafter as may be, transmit to His Excellency the Governor, or the Administrator of the Government for the time being, for the information of the Legislature, a Report of their proceedings and a detailed account of the number of Schools and Scholars, and the cost and expenditure attending the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the annual and general meetings of the said Boards of Education shall be holden at the following places, that is to say—at the Town of Saint John's, for the District of Saint John's; at Harbor Grace, for the District of Conception Bay; at Trinity, for the District of Trinity; at Bonavista, for the District of Bonavista; at Twillingate, for the District of Fogo; at Ferryland, for the District of Ferryland; at Great Placentia, for the District of Placentia and Saint Mary's; at Burin, for the District of Burin; and at Harbor Britain for the District of Fortune Bay; and that general Meetings of the said Boards of Education may be held at any time on the requisition of Three or more Members of the respective Board.

V. And be it further enacted, That the sum of Money hereby granted shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Colony in discharge of such Warrant or Warrants as shall from time to time be issued by the Governor or Administrator of the Government, in favor of any person or persons to be applied to the purposes of this Act.