

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1843.*

6 Victoria – Chapter 7

**An Act for the Establishment and Support of a Grammar School at Harbor Grace. (Passed 22nd May, 1843.)**

Whereas it is desirable that a School should be established at Harbor Grace, for the Instruction of Youth in the several Branches of Scientific and Classical Learning:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in General Assembly convened, that from and out of such Monies as shall from time to time remain in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, and unappropriated, there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, to be expended by Commissioners, to be appointed as is hereinafter prescribed, in Purchasing, Building, or Leasing, and in Furnishing, a suitable School House, in Harbor Grace, for the purposes of this Act, and in providing a Library, and sufficient Astronomical, Nautical, and Mathematical Instruments for the same.

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, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to nominate and appoint Seven fit and proper Persons to form and be a Board of Commissioners, for the management of the said School, and such Board shall be a Body Corporate and Politic, by the name of "The Commissioners of the Harbor Grace Grammar School," and shall have a Common Seal, with full power to make, alter and change the same, and shall have perpetual succession, and full power to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and places of Jurisdiction within this Island, and to take, hold, and convey, all Lands, Monies, and Chattels, and to do and execute all such other matters and things, as to such Board, as such Body Politic and Corporate, shall appertain to do.

III. And be it further enacted, That whenever a vacancy shall arise in the number of the said Board, by the death, resignation, or absence from the Colony for Twelve Months, of any Member, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to nominate and appoint, in manner aforesaid, a fit and proper person to fill such vacancy, either permanently or for the time being, as may be deemed most expedient.

IV. And be it further enacted, That of the said Board of Commissioners Five shall be a Quorum, and that the said Board shall have full power and authority, from time to time to appoint a Master, and if necessary an Usher, or Assistant Teacher, to the said School, and the same, upon reasonable cause, to remove; to fix the Salary of such Usher or Assistant Teacher, to prescribe the various branches of learning other than those hereinafter enumerated, to be taught by the said Teachers, to appoint the times and hours of attendance at the said School, to settle and establish the rates of Fees to be paid by the Pupils attending the same, and to appropriate the said Fees to the purposes of this Act, and to make such Rules and Bye-Laws for the Regulation of their own proceedings, and of such matters connected with the conduct and management of the said School, as are not herein otherwise provided

for, as may from time to time be necessary: All which Rules and Bye-Laws shall first be laid before the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, for his approbation.

V. And be it further enacted, That the following Branches of Learning shall be taught in the said School, that is to say, the Classics, Mathematics, and Navigation; and that no Books or Treatises shall be used in the said School, other than such as shall have received the approval and allowance of the said Board of Commissioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Master of the said School shall, independently of any amount of Fees which he may receive by virtue of any of the subsequent provisions of this Act, receive from the Funds of the Colony, in quarterly payments, a Salary not exceeding in the whole One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum.

VII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be kept in the said School a Report and a Register Book; in the former of which shall be entered the Remarks and Observations of the Commissioners and Visitors of the said School, with the Names and Number of the Pupils attending, from day to day, at the several Classes therein: in the latter, the Names, Ages, and Places of Residence, of the several Pupils: the dates of their Admission respectively, the courses of Education entered upon, and the progress made by them respectively, and the date of the withdrawal of each Pupil.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Board of Commissioners shall, some time before the meeting of the Legislature, in each year, transmit to the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to be laid before the Legislature, a Report of the progress and condition of the said School: which Report shall, among other matters, contain a statement of the several branches of Education taught in the said School, and of the Books used in the same; of the Classes into which the said School may be divided, and the number of Pupils attending in each Class; together with an account of the amount and appropriation of all Fees which, during the time included in the said Report, have been paid by the said Pupils.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall be the Visitor of the said School.

X. And be it further enacted, That the sums of Money hereby granted, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Colony, in discharge of such Warrants as may, from time to time, be issued by the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, in favour of any person or persons, to be applied to the purposes of this Act.