

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1851.

14 Victoria – Chapter 3

An Act for the Encouragement of Education. (Passed 31st May, 1851.)

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the Encouragement of Education in this Colony:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, That from and out of such monies as may remain in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, unappropriated, there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, which said sum of money shall be annually distributed in the proportions hereinafter mentioned, in support of Schools appropriated to the Instruction of Children of Members of the several Protestant Churches, and the Children of Members of the Roman Catholic Church, respectively.

II. And be it further enacted, That of the said sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Pounds shall be applied and expended by the several Boards of Education mentioned, and in the manner and proportions specified and provided, in and By the Second Section of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony,” and in and by the Second Section of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, to continue and amend the said recited Act; and that the remainder of the said sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds shall be appropriated in manner hereinafter mentioned; Provided always, that the expenditure of the said sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Pounds shall be deemed to have commenced upon and from the Thirtieth day of April, and shall extend and be continued until the Thirtieth day of June, in this present year, upon and from which last-mentioned day the grant of the said sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds shall commence to take effect.

III. And be it enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with, the advice of Her Majesty's Council, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to nominate and appoint Five fit and proper Persons to constitute a Roman Catholic Central Board in Saint John's, to be called the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education, which Board shall be composed of the Roman Catholic Bishop for the time being, and Four other Members of the Roman Catholic Church, any Three of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and when any vacancy shall occur in the said Board by the death, resignation, or absence from the Colony for Twelve Months, of any Member, or for other sufficient cause, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, to supply such vacancy; which said Board shall have full power to appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds, of the grant of the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, in manner following; that is to say; the sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the establishment and support of a Roman Catholic Nunnery School at Harbor Grace; the sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the establishment and support of a Roman Catholic Nunnery School at Carbonear; and the balance towards the establishment and support of Roman Catholic Schools where the same may be required.

IV. And be it further enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to nominate and appoint Five fit and proper Persons to constitute a Protestant Central Board in St. John's, to be called the Protestant Central Board of Education, any Three of which persons shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and that when any vacancy shall occur in the said Board by the death, resignation, or absence from the Colony for Twelve Months, of any Member of the same, or for other sufficient cause, it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, to supply such vacancy; and it shall be lawful for the said Board to appropriate the remainder of the said sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, being the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds, in the establishment and support of Protestant Schools, and in the building and repairing of School- houses, where the same may be required.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Sections of the said Act, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Education in this Colony," shall be, and the same are, hereby respectively revived and continued in full force and effect, for the period hereinafter provided for the continuance of this Act: Provided always, that the Roman Catholic Board for Placentia may meet at Oliver's Cove, in the District of Placentia; and that the Protestant Board of Education for the District of Placentia may meet at Harbor Buffett, in the said District.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the respective sums of One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds and One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds, to be appropriated by the said respective Protestant and Roman Catholic Central Boards of Education, 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 for the time being, upon requisition, to be signed by the respective Chairmen of the said Central Boards, specifying the Schools for whose establishment and support, or setting forth the purposes for which, the sums of money mentioned in any such requisition shall be required.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two.