

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America, passed in the year 1824.
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5 George IV – Chapter 8

An Act to make Permanent and Extend the Provisions of the laws now in force for the Establishment and Regulation of Common Schools throughout this Province, and for granting to His Majesty a Further Sum of Money to Promote and Encourage Education within the same. Passed Jan. 19th, 1824.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas it would greatly tend to advance the happiness of society to Disseminate Moral and Religious Instruction among the people, and to render Permanent the Laws now in force relating to Common Schools: We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and

Be It Therefore Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "*An Act to Repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province;'*" and by the authority of the same,—

That for the benefit of all classes of His Majesty's subjects, and for the encouragement of Sunday Schools, and for affording the means of moral and religious instruction to the more indigent and remote settlements in the several Districts throughout this Province, there shall be annually paid, in addition to the sum now by law directed to be paid for the use and benefit of Common Schools, the further sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds; which said sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be appropriated and applied in manner and form as is hereinafter directed.

II. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the monies hereby granted shall be at the disposal of the General Board that is, or may be, appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, for the superintendance of Education within the same, to be by them laid out and expended for the purchasing of Books and Tracts, designed to afford moral and religious instruction which said Books and Tracts, when so purchased, shall be distributed by the said General Board, in equal proportion, amongst the several District Boards of Education throughout this Province.

II. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the several District Boards of Education to make and order at their discretion a distribution of such

Books and Tracts for the use and encouragement of Sunday Schools, and to the benefit of the more indigent and remote settlements in their respective Districts.

IV. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the eighth clause of an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of His Present Majesty, entitled, "*An Act to amend and continue, under certain modifications, an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the Regulation of the said Common Schools,'*" be, and the same is hereby repealed.

V. And, be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the provisions of the above recited Act, and so much of an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be applied to the use of Common Schools throughout this Province, and to provide for the Regulations of the said Common Schools,*" as is now in force, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to extend to all Schools that are now, or may hereafter be, established and kept among the Indians who shall be resident within the limits of any organized County or Township within this Province, excepting such Schools as shall or may be otherwise provided for.— Provided nevertheless, That in all reports that may be made to the Board of Education before the first day of June next after the passing of this Act, from any School kept for the instruction and education of the children of the Indians, it shall not be necessary to certify to such Board, that the Trustees of the School so reporting were chosen on the first day of June last, any law or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

VI. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every Teacher of a Common School, before he shall be entitled to receive any portion of public money, shall be examined by the Board of Education in the District in which he shall have taught, or is about to teach, a Common School or shall obtain a Certificate from at least one member of such Board, certifying his ability and fitness to the same, due regard at all times being had to the degree of education wanting, or to the branches necessary to be taught in the Township, Village, or place in which such Teacher bath undertaken, or is about to undertake, to teach a Common School.

VII. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Monies hereby granted to His Majesty shall be paid by the Receiver General of this Province in discharge of such warrant or warrants as shall for the purpose herein set forth, be issued by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, and shall be accounted for by the Receiver General to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty His Heirs and Successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.