

2. For the payment of Trustees, with the consent of a majority of the Stockholders at the annual meeting, or the appointment of one or more paid Trustees ; Paying Trustees.

3. For the amending, altering or repealing any By-law of such Company, made under the authority of this or any other Act of Parliament passed heretofore or to be passed hereafter. By-laws.

VII. All certificates of the payment of Stock in any such Company, to be made in pursuance of this Act, and the said Acts hereinbefore recited, or any of them, shall be signed by and verified by the affidavit or affirmation of the President or Vice-President, or in their absence one of the Trustees of such Company, and thereupon shall be registered by the County Registrar, without any further signature, or the affidavit of any other person. Certificates of payment of Stock, how to be attested.

VIII. It shall and may be lawful for any such Company to break up any road or street, for the purpose of laying down therein any pipe or pipes, which shall in the opinion of the Trustees be necessary or expedient to enable such Company to conduct their business to greater advantage : Provided always, that permission to do so be first had and obtained from the Council of the Municipality having the controul of such road or street, that no unnecessary damage be done in the execution of the works, and that care be taken as far as may be to preserve a free and uninterrupted passage through such road or street while they are in progress. Company may break up streets to lay pipes. Proviso : consent of Municipality required, &c.

IX. All such Companies shall have power to enforce the payment of calls on the Capital Stock subscribed, by action in any of the Courts of Law ; and in any such action it shall be competent for any of the Stockholders of any such Company to be examined as a witness on behalf of the plaintiff. Company may enforce payment of Stock.

C A P. XIII.

An Act to make further provision for the Geological Survey of this Province.

[Assented to 16th May, 1856.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered sixteen, the sum of two thousand pounds annually, for five years, was appropriated for making a Geological Survey of this Province, and by an Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered twelve, the said Act was revived and further extended for five years ; And whereas the said appropriation has been found insufficient to carry on the Survey in an effectual manner, and it is desirable to make such an increase to the establishment as will hasten the completion of the undertaking and enlarge its usefulness : Preamble. 8 v. c. 161

usefulness: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Appropriation for continuing and completing the Survey. I. Out of the unappropriated public moneys of the Province, a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds shall be annually applied, for a term not exceeding five years from the passing of this Act, to defray the expenses of the Geological Survey or any arrears of expenditure already incurred, which sum shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct, subject to the provisions hereinafter made.

Governor may employ proper persons to complete the Survey. Geological Museum, &c., to be established. II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to employ a suitable number of competent persons to complete the Geological Survey of this Province, and to direct the publication of such maps and drawings as may be deemed necessary to illustrate the same; to establish a Geological Museum at some convenient place, which shall be open at all seasonable hours to the public, and which shall be furnished with such books and instruments as may be necessary for the illustration of the science and the prosecution of the Survey, and to order from time to time the distribution of the publications relative to the Survey and of duplicate specimens, to scientific institutions in this Province and other countries.

Candidates for admission as Provincial Land Surveyors to be examined in the rudiments of Geology. 14 & 15 V. c. 4. III. And further to promote the collection of geological information, all persons who, after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, may apply to be admitted as Provincial Land Surveyors, shall be examined in the rudiments of Geology; and the Director of the Geological Survey shall, with that object, be a member of the two Boards of Examiners constituted by the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act concerning Land Surveyors*.

Fixed points of reference for latitude, longitude and level to be established. IV. For the purpose of attaining an accurate basis from which the geological and topographical features of the country may be ascertained, and for the purpose of connecting together local and partial surveys, it shall be the duty of the Director of the Geological Survey to cause permanent marks in some public buildings, or other marks of a durable description, to be made at several convenient stations in the Province, and to fix accurately the latitude and longitude and relative levels thereof, as points of reference.

Plans and sections of Railways, &c., to be furnished. V. All Railway and Canal Companies hereafter to be incorporated are hereby required to furnish to the Geological Survey, without charge, certified copies of all plans and sections of their Surveys; and all such Companies already incorporated, shall furnish such plans and sections of their Surveys upon the demand of the Director of the Geological Survey, and at the cost of the same.

VI. The Director of the Geological Survey shall make a Yearly Report report to the Governor of this Province, on or before the first to be made. day of March in each year, shewing, generally, the progress made in the Survey.

VII. The due application of the moneys hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the manner provided by the Interpretation Act, and an account thereof shall be laid before the Provincial Legislature at the next Session thereof. Accounting clause.

C A P . X I V .

An Act to amend the Common School Laws, and further to promote Elementary Education in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 16th May, 1856.]

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Common Preamble. School Laws of Lower Canada, and to make further provision for the promotion of Elementary Education therein : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

I. It shall be lawful for the School Commissioners or Trustees of Dissident Schools, to cause to be levied by assessment and rate, in the manner now by law provided, such additional sum as they may think proper beyond that which they may now cause to be levied under the tenth sub-section of the twenty-first Section of the Lower Canada School Act of 1846, provided such additional sum do not exceed that which they may now cause to be levied ; and they may also raise an additional sum, not exceeding thirty per cent. upon the total sum so raised as aforesaid, for the purpose of making good any deficiency which may arise in the collection of the assessment and any unforeseen or contingent expenditure ; any thing in the thirty-seventh section of the said Act limiting such additional sum to fifteen per cent. to the contrary notwithstanding: And further, it shall be lawful for the Corporations of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal to pay out of their funds an additional sum equal to that which they are authorized to pay under the forty-third section of the Lower Canada School Act of 1846, to the Boards of School Commissioners appointed by them, and also an additional sum of thirty per cent. to make good any unforeseen or contingent expenditure.

School Commissioners or Trustees may cause additional sums to be raised.

And a further sum for unforeseen expenses.

Corporations of Quebec and Montreal may pay additional sums for Common School purposes.

II. The School Commissioners and the Trustees of Dissident Schools, shall cause to be made by their Secretary-Treasurers, between the first day of September and the first day of October, of every year, a census of the children in each School Municipality, distinguishing those who are from five to sixteen years

School Commissioners take census of children yearly.