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AN ACT

TO MAKE CERTAIN PROVISIONS WITH REGARD TO COMMON SCHOOLS IN UPPER CANADA FOR A LIMITED PERIOD.

16th Victoria, chapter —.

[10th November, 1852.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make some further provision for the improvement of Common Schools in Upper Canada, and to modify and extend some of the provisions of the Act thirteenth and fourteenth Victoria, chapter forty-eight, intituled, *An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada*; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Board of School Trustees in each City, Town and Incorporated Village, shall, in addition to the powers with which they are now legally invested, possess and exercise, as far as they shall judge expedient, in regard to each such City, Town and Incorporated Village, all the powers with which the Trustees of each School Section are or may be invested by law in regard to each such School Section.

13 and 14 Vict. ch. 48 cited.

Powers of City, Town and Village Trustees extended.

II. And be it enacted, That no rate shall be imposed upon the inhabitants of any School Section according to the whole number of children, or of the number of children of legal school age, residing in such section: Provided, that the Trustees of each School Section shall see that each School under their charge is, at all times, duly provided with a Register and Visitors' Book, in the form prepared according to law: Provided, secondly, that the Trustees of each School Section shall have authority to take such steps as they may judge expedient to unite their schools with any public Grammar School, which shall be situated within or adjacent to the limits of their School Section: Provided, thirdly, that the Trustees of each School Section shall be personally responsible for the amount of any School moneys which shall be forfeited and lost to such School Section during the period of their continuance in office, in consequence of their neglect of duty; and the amount thus forfeited or lost shall be collected and applied in the manner provided by the ninth section of the said Act, thirteenth and fourteenth Victoria, chapter forty-eight, for the collection and application of the fines imposed by the said section: Provided, fourthly, that the Trustees of each School Section, shall, each personally forfeit the sum of one pound five shillings for each and every week that they shall neglect, after the fifteenth of January in each year, to prepare and forward to their local Superintendent of Schools, their School Report, as required by law, for the year ending the thirty-first December immediately preceding; and which sum or sums thus forfeited, shall be sued for by such local Superintendent, and collected and applied in the manner provided by the proviso of this section, immediately preceding: Provided, fifthly, that no agreement between Trustees and a Teacher in any School Section, made between the first of October and the second Wednesday in January, shall be valid or binding on either party after the second Wednesday in January, unless such agreement shall have been signed by the two Trustees of such School Section, whose period of office shall extend to one year beyond the second Wednesday of January, after the signing of such agreement.

No rate per capita shall be imposed upon children.

Trustees to provide Register and Visitors' Book.

Union with Grammar School.

Personal responsibility of Trustees.

Application of fines, on Trustees.

Penalty on Trustees for delaying Report.

How applied.

Agreements with Teachers not valid in certain cases.

Trustees to assess for School Sites.

Proviso—Must call a Special Meeting therefor.

III. And be it enacted, That the Trustees of each School Section shall have the same authority to assess and collect rates for the purpose of purchasing School Sites and the erection of School Houses, with which they are, or may be invested by law to assess and collect for other School purposes: Provided always, that they shall take no steps for procuring a School Site on which to erect a new School House, or changing the site of a School