

An Act to amend Chapter fifteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting public Education.

WHEREAS, the law in relation to public instruction does not give authority to School Commissioners or Trustees to take possession of lands selected by them as sites for School Houses, in the event of the proprietors refusing to sell and convey them; and whereas, it is expedient to remedy an inconvenience calculated to place obstacles in the way of education in Lower Canada; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The sixty-fourth section of Chapter fifteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, intituled, "An Act respecting Provincial aid for superior Education and Normal and Common Schools," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

New paragraph to Section 64, cap. 15, Con. Stat. L.C.

"9. If after having selected a lot of land as a site for a School House, the Commissioners or Trustees cannot make terms with the proprietor in respect of the amount of purchase money, or in case the proprietor refuses to deliver possession of the land required, then the matter shall be settled by arbitrators in the manner following: The Commissioners shall appoint an arbitrator, the owner of the land shall appoint another, and the two arbitrators shall conjointly appoint a third, and in case of disagreement, the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the Judge of the Superior Court for the District, upon the application of one of the parties, and such arbitrators shall have all the powers necessary for the summoning, hearing, swearing and examination of the witnesses; and the award of the Arbitrators, or of a majority of them, shall be final and shall designate the party who shall be liable for the costs of the Arbitration."

Arbitration as to sites for school-houses

2. This Act shall be construed as forming, to all intents and purposes, a part of Chapter fifteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.

This Act to be part of Act above cited.