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For the encouragement and promotion of Education in the Country Parishes of this Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS the establishment of Elementary Schools throughout the Country Parishes in this Province, on an economical system, would essentially tend to promote and disseminate the first principles of a good moral Education, which would be speedily effected by placing such Elementary Schools, under the superintendence of those persons who, by their situations and local influence, may effectually promote those desirable objects. May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it 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 Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of" an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*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 it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Rector, Priest or Curate or other Ecclesiastical person performing the Parochial functions with the four last appointed Church-wardens of each and every Parish of the Church of England or of the Roman Catholic Church, in this Province, with the Seigneur Primitif of the Parish or Seigneurie, and the eldest Justice of the Peace, if any such Seigneur Primitif or Justice of the Peace there be, as the majority of them shall be, and in virtue of this Act, they are declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name or style of "The Syndics for the government of Elementary Schools;" and that they and their successors by such name, shall have power and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, answering and being answered unto in all Courts of Justice, having competent jurisdiction, within the several Districts in which the said Corporations may be situated, and shall also be capable of contracting, and being contracted with, relative to the purposes for which the said Corporations are