

(4). 7 Wm. IV, Cap. VIII, Act 1837.¹

An Act to repeal all Acts now in force, relating to parish schools and to make other provisions for the same.

Passed March 1, 1837.

I. This Act repealed 3 Wm. IV, Cap. XXXI, 1833 and 6 Wm. IV, Cap. XXXI, 1836.

II. The Justices of the Peace are to appoint annually three fit persons to be School Trustees of the Parish.

III. And etc., "That it shall be the duty of the said Trustees to divide their respective Parishes into as many School Districts as may from time to time be found convenient or necessary; and when the inhabitants of any such District shall provide and erect a good and sufficient School House for the use and purposes of a School, and agree with a Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, duly licensed as by His Majesty's Royal Instructions, is directed, to teach therein for the space of six months or one year, such Trustees are hereby required to visit and inspect such Schools at least once in every three months during the said period to inquire into the order and morals and direct the discipline and regulation of such Schools; and in case the teacher so agreed with or employed as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to comply with such rules or regulations or shall or may be guilty of any misconduct, intemperance or immorality, the said Trustees may in their discretion discharge and displace such Teacher. Provided always, that, whenever such Trustees shall so displace a Teacher, they shall make report thereof in writing with the cause of such proceeding to the Board of Education of the county, or district, whose appointment is hereafter authorized and provided for."

IV. The trustees are allowed to admit free scholars who are deserving, not exceeding five in any one school.

V. That the trustees are to use a given form of certificate in reporting annually to the General Sessions. This certificate includes—that the school house has been provided; a licensed teacher engaged and salary raised at the following rate—for a male teacher £10 for six months, £20 for twelve months; for a female teacher £5 for six months, £10 for twelve months. This also shows

whether "the money has been subscribed and paid or board, washing and lodging found and provided for the teacher in lieu thereof."

VI. The justices of the Court of the General Sessions are required twice in every year to report to the Secretary of the Province in a general schedule including the hereinbefore mentioned certificates of the parish trustees. Upon the receipt of this general report the Provincial Fund may be drawn by warrant; £10 for a male teacher for six months, £20 for a year; £5 for a female teacher for six months, £10 for a year. Such money is to be used toward the support of the schools. "Provided, nevertheless, that no larger sum than £180 shall be paid out of the Treasury of this Province for Schools kept in any Parish in any one year, and provided that no County in the Province shall be entitled to receive a larger sum from the Provincial Treasury in any one year than would arise from an average of £160 for each and every parish in the county; provided no more than three female Schools shall be included in any such certificate or schedule for any one Parish; and provided also, that when the whole sum allowed for any one Parish, pursuant to this Act, is not sufficient to afford the above allowance to each and every school by reason of the great number of schools in the Parish, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees, and they are hereby required to apportion the whole sum among all the schools in the Parish according to the nature of their respective claims, whether yearly or half-yearly Schools."

VII. The teachers are required every six months to render to the clerks of the Peace in their respective counties a true and correct account of the number, sex, names, ages, etc., of their pupils. "In case of Neglect or Refusal of any teacher so to do, he shall forfeit all claim to Provincial Bounty."

VIII. The Justices of the Peace shall report annually the names of the teachers employed and number of scholars, male and female, taught, etc., in the schools of their respective counties.

(To be Continued.)

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¹Taken from the Acts of New Brunswick, etc., printed in 1837.