

An Act to amend chapter fifteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada relating to Common Schools.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare more explicitly the intention of the Legislature in regard to the appropriation for Common Schools in the city of Montreal: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada enacts as follows:

- 1.** Notwithstanding any practice or interpretation heretofore prevailing in regard to section 131 of cap. 15 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, the sum which the City Treasurer of the city of Montreal, shall be bound in pursuance of the said section to pay to the Boards of School Commissioners of the said city, shall be equal to the full amount to which the city would be entitled out of the Common School fund, in proportion to its population, if such amount were not limited by section one hundred and thirty-three of the said chapter; and the said limitation shall not apply to or diminish the amount to be paid to the Boards of School Commissioners out of the city funds.
- 2.** The sums payable to each of the Boards of School Commissioners in the said city, out of the said city funds, shall hereafter be in proportion to the rateable property assessed in the city against Protestants and Roman Catholics respectively: and it shall be the duty of the Assessors or persons acting as such in the said city of Montreal, under a penalty of *five dollars* for each omission or false entry, to indicate the persuasion whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, of each person named as liable for the payment of assessments in regard to the property assessed: All persons who cannot be designated as Roman Catholics shall be deemed Protestants for the purposes of this Act; and when the proprietor and tenant are both liable for any assessment, the portion of the property assessed against each shall be held to be in proportion to the amount payable by each without power to recover it from the other: And from the Assessment Rolls so prepared, the City Treasurer shall compute the amounts to which each of the said Boards is entitled, and payment shall be made accordingly.

What sum shall be payable for Common Schools out of City funds.

Sum payable to each Board to be in proportion to the property rated against Roman Catholics and Protestants respectively.

Who shall be deemed Protestants.

3. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act