

UPPER CANADA R. C. SEPARATE SCHOOL ACT.—Continued.

lawful guardians of such children, provided such children or their parents or guardians are Roman Catholics; and no children attending such school shall be included in the return hereafter provided to be made to the Chief Superintendent of Schools unless they shall be Roman Catholics.

Teachers' Certificate. Disposal of moneys.

XI. A majority of the trustees in any township or village or of the board of trustees in any town or village elected under this act, shall have power to grant certificates of qualification to teachers of separate schools under their management, and to dispose of all school funds of every description coming into their hands for school purposes.

L. C. Act,
No. 29.

Condition of Municipal Exemption from school rates.

XII. Every person paying rates, whether as proprietor or tenant, who, on or before the first day of February of any year, shall have given notice to the clerk of the municipality in which any separate school is situated, that he is a Roman Catholic and a supporter of such separate school, shall be exempted from the payment of all rates imposed within such ward or school section for the support of common schools and of common school libraries for the year then next following, and every clerk of a municipality, upon receiving any such notice, shall deliver a certificate to the person giving the same, to the effect that such notice has been given, and shewing the date of such notice; but any person who shall fraudulently give any such notice, or shall wilfully make any false statement therein, shall not secure any exemption thereby, but shall, on the contrary, be liable to a penalty of ten pounds currency, recoverable, with costs, before any Justice of the Peace at the suit of the municipality interested: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt any such person from paying any rate for the support of common schools or common school libraries, or for the erection of a school-house or school-houses, which shall have been imposed before such separate school was established.

L. C. Act,
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Conditions of receiving aid from Legislative Grant.

XIII. Every separate school established under this Act shall be entitled to a share in the fund annually granted by the legislature of this Province for the support of common schools, according to the average number of pupils attending such school during the twelve next preceding months or during the number of months which may have elapsed from the establishment of a new separate school as compared with the whole average number of pupils attending school in the same city, town, village or township: Provided always, that no separate school shall be entitled to a share in any such fund unless the average number of pupils so attending the same be fifteen or more, (periods of epidemic or contagious diseases excepted): Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall entitle any such separate school within any city, town, village or township, to any part or portion of school moneys arising or accruing from local assessment for common school purposes within any such city, town, village or township, or the county or union of counties within which such town, village or township is situate: Provided also, that if any separate school shall not have been in operation for a whole year at the time of the apportionment, it shall not receive the sum to which it would have been entitled for a whole year, but only an amount proportional to the time during which it has been kept open.

L. C. Act,
Nos. 7 & 11.

L. C. Act,
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LOWER CANADA ACT.—Continued.

already been named under the authority of the Act passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament concerning Elementary Education), six of whom shall be Roman Catholics and six Protestants; and such Commissioners shall form two separate and distinct Corporations, the one for Roman Catholics, and the other for the Protestants, and one half of each of the said Corporations shall be renewed annually by the said Corporation.

Examiners in Quebec and Montreal for granting Certificates.

L. And be it enacted, (28) That there shall be in each of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, a Board of Examiners composed of fourteen persons chosen in as fair and equitable a manner as possible from among the different religious denominations, the members of which Board shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, through the Superintendent of Schools, and of whom one half shall consist of Roman Catholics, and one half of Protestants, and who shall compose a Board of Examiners, (29) to examine Teachers, and to deliver or refuse to each, as the case may require, a license or certificate of qualification, after due examination; (30) and the said Board shall be divided into two divisions, one of which shall be composed of seven Roman Catholics, and the other of seven Protestants, each of which division shall separately perform the duties hereinafter imposed upon them: (31) Provided nevertheless, that every Priest, Minister, Ecclesiastic, or person forming part of a religious community instituted for Educational purposes, and every person of the female sex, shall be in every case exempt from undergoing an examination before any of the said Boards; and provided also, that neither the possession of a certificate of examination before one of the said Board, nor any exemption from examination, shall oblige the School Commissioners or Trustees to accept a Teacher who does not suit them. [These Boards have been since increased]

*12th Victoria, Chap. 50.**Assessment for dissentient schools, fees, grant, &c.*

XVIII. And be it enacted, That any thing in the twenty-sixth section of the said above cited Act, or in any other part of the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding, (32) whenever the Trustees of dissentient Schools shall have been chosen and shall have established one or more dissentient schools, in any School Municipality, and the said Trustees shall not be satisfied with the arrangements antecedently made by the School Commissioners of the said Municipality relative to the recovery and the distribution of the assessment, they may, by a written declaration to that effect, address to the President of the School Commissioners, at least one month before the first day of January or July, in any year, acquire the right of receiving themselves, for the following and all future years during which they shall continue to be such Trustees of dissentient schools, according to law, the assessment levied on the inhabitants so dissentient, who shall have signified their dissent in writing conformably to the said above cited Act, or who shall hereafter signify the same at the times and the manner hereinbefore provided, (33) and the said Trustees shall in such case be entitled to obtain a copy of the assessment in force, of the list of children capable of attending School, and of other documents in the hands of the School Commissioners or of the Secretary-Treasurer, and connected with the future Gov-

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