

An Act to amend the Lower Canada School Acts.

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the offices of School Commissioner and Inspector of Common Schools, in Lower Canada, and further to amend the School Laws of that portion of the Province; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble-

5 1. The Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, "*An Act to amend the School Laws of Lower Canada,*" and so much of the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, "*An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to*" "*make better provision for elementary instruction in Lower Canada,*" and of
10 the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, "*An Act to amend the School Law of Lower Canada,*" as provides for the election or appointment of School Commissioners, or as vests any powers in them or assigns any duties to them, shall be and is hereby repealed, and the office of School Commissioner is abolished.

Office of School Commissioner abolished, and parts of 16 V., c. 208, 9 V., c. 27, 12 V., c. 50, repealed.

15 II. All the powers vested by the said Acts or any of them in School Commissioners, for laying out the School Municipality into School Districts, and for levying or causing to be levied by assessment and rate, any sums of money for School purposes, and for receiving and applying the same and the shares of the Common School Fund coming to any School
20 Municipality, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Local Council of the Municipality in which such School District is situate, and may be exercised by them, as fully and affectually to all intents and purposes as if such powers had been by the said Acts or either of them, vested in such Council in lieu of such School Commissioners, subject
25 always to the penalties and liabilities imposed on School Commissioners for neglect of any duty assigned to them or any contravention of the law.

Certain powers of School Commissioners transferred to Local Councils.

30 III. All the powers and duties vested in or assigned to School Commissioners by the said Acts or either of them, except such as are hereinbefore vested in and assigned to the Local Council of the Municipality, shall be
35 and are hereby assigned to and vested in the Trustees of the several Common Schools respectively, with respect to which they would without this Act have been exercised by School Commissioners, subject always to the penalties and liabilities imposed on School Commissioners for neglect of any duty assigned to them or any contravention of the law,

Other powers transferred to School Trustees.

40 IV. The twenty-sixth section of the said cited Act, passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter 27, and so much of the said Act or any other Act as authorizes the establishment of dissentient Schools shall be and is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the existence of any such dissentient Schools as may be now established and shall
45 be in operation at the time of the passing of this Act; but the same shall remain in operation, and the Trustees thereof shall continue to exercise the

Sec. 26 of 9 V., c. 27, repealed, and so much of any Act as authorizes dissentient Schools.