

those from seven to fourteen years, and those actually attending school; and shall transmit such census to the Superintendent of Schools within ten days after its completion.

III. The School Commissioners and the said Trustees, in the semi-annual accounts and reports which they are bound to transmit to the Superintendent of Schools, shall state the amount of monthly fees fixed for each child, and the amount of such fees actually collected, either directly by them or by the teacher, under the twenty-first Section of the Lower Canada School Law Amendment Act of 1849; and if the School Commissioners or Trustees fail to fix the amount of monthly fees to be paid for each child, or to cause the same to be collected, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the Governor in Council, to refuse the School allowance for the year, to the School Municipality represented by such Commissioners or Trustees in default.

IV. From and after the first day of July 1856, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the Governor in Council, out of the School moneys to which any Municipality may be entitled to retain the sum of twenty pounds towards the support of a Model School in such Municipality, as intended to be established under the fourteenth section of the said Act of 1849.

V. After the first day of July 1856, the Trustees of Dissident Schools shall alone have the right of fixing and collecting the assessments to be levied on the inhabitants so dissident; and thereafter such Trustees shall be exempt from attesting upon oath the statement required of them by the eighteenth section of the said Act of 1849.

VI. After the first of July 1857, any female not being a Member of any religious community, who shall desire to become a Teacher in a Common School, shall undergo the required examination before the Board of Examiners; Provided always, that any female Teacher desiring to obtain a certificate or diploma of qualification before the first of July, 1857, may undergo the required examination before that time.

VII. Out of the Legislative School grant, permanent and additional, for Common School purposes in Lower Canada, the following sums may be set apart and expended yearly by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the Governor in Council, for the following purposes, that is to say: 1st.—A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, for special aids to Common Schools in poor School Municipalities; 2nd.—A sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty pounds, to encourage the publication and circulation of a Journal of Public Instruction; and 3rdly, A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, towards forming a fund for the support of superannuated or worn out Common School Teachers in Lower Canada, under such regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the Superintendent of Schools, or by the Council of Public Instruction of Lower Canada as soon as such Council shall be established therein, and approved by the Governor in Council: Provided always, that no such Teacher shall be entitled to share in the said Fund who shall not contribute to such Fund at the rate of one pound per annum at the least, for the period of his teaching School or receiving aid from such Fund, and who shall not furnish satisfactory proof of his inability from age or loss of health in teaching, to pursue that profession any longer: Provided also, that no such allowance to any Teacher shall exceed the rate of one pound ten shillings per annum for each year during which such Teacher shall have taught a Common School in Lower Canada.

VIII. The remuneration of Secretary-Treasurers may, in the discretion of the School Commissioners or Trustees, be increased to an amount not exceeding seven per cent. on the moneys received by them as such, instead of four per cent. as provided by the twenty-second section of the said Act of 1849; but such remuneration shall include every service which the Commissioners shall require from time to time from the Secretary-Treasurer and shall cover all contingent expenses whatever, except such as may be specially authorized by rules and regulations to be made by the Superintendent of Schools from time to time, and shall not exceed thirty pounds in one year in any case.

IX. In addition to the Boards of Examiners constituted under the said Act of 1846, and the Lower Canada School Law Amendment Act of 1853, there shall be others established for such Counties, and to hold their meetings at such places, as may be fixed and determined by the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the Governor in Council, such Boards to consist of not less than five nor more than seven members, to be governed by the provisions of the said Act of 1846, to be established for such portions or sub-divisions of districts or territorial divisions where Boards are already authorized to be established under the said Act of 1846 and the said Act of 1853, and in mixed religious communities, one to be composed of Roman Catholics and another of Protestant members.

X. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Schools to cause special assessments to be levied in any School Municipality, for the payment of lawful debts admitted by such Municipality or adjudged by a Court of Justice to be due by such Municipality, and which debts such Municipality could not otherwise pay; and whenever such debts shall have been contracted by a Municipality subsequently divided into several Municipalities, or the limits of which may have been subsequently altered, the said Superintendent shall apportion the payment of such debt or debts equitably among the several Municipalities liable for the same.

XI. Notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the forty-seventh Section of the said Act of 1846, the sum constituting the Lower Canada Common School Fund may be paid to the Superintendent of Schools in two semi-annual payments, under two accountable Warrants to the Receiver General to be issued by the Governor for that purpose; and the Superintendent shall deposit the said sums in such Bank as the Governor in Council shall direct and apportion the same according to law among the Municipalities, and pay to the School Commissioners and Trustees of Dissident Schools the respective shares belonging to the Municipalities they represent, by Checks drawn upon such Bank and made payable to their order, and shall account according to law for such moneys.

XII. The Superintendent, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may refuse to pay the whole or any part of the share in the said fund, of any School Municipality where his lawful instructions or those of the Council of Public Instruction shall have been disobeyed, or where unqualified teachers shall have been employed by the Commissioners or Trustees, or where a qualified teacher shall have been dismissed by the School Commissioners or Trustees, before the time of his engagement and for no valid or just cause, and may pay out of the said share of such Municipality such indemnity as shall appear to him justly due to any teacher so unjustly dismissed.

XIII. The Superintendent of Schools shall also have power, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to authorize the School Commissioners or Trustees in any Municipality, to apply the share coming for any one year to any School District the inhabitants of which shall have contributed nothing or too little during the same year to the common fund of such Municipality for school purposes, in such manner as the said Superintendent shall direct for the advancement of education in such Municipality, instead of depositing the said share in a Bank as now provided by law; and the amounts already placed in any Bank for any School District in like cases, shall be liable to be dealt with in like manner, and the shares coming to any such School District which may have been in like cases applied by the School Commissioners or Trustees in any Municipality, with the consent of the said Superintendent, are hereby declared to have been legally and properly dealt with; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIV. And whereas in some Counties School Municipalities have sprung up which did not exist at the time of the taking of the now last census, and it would be unjust to withhold from them their fair share of the Legislative grant, therefore it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to allow to any such School Municipality its fair share of the amount of the said Legislative grant coming to the County, in proportion to the actual population of such School Municipality at the time, according to the best evidence he shall be able to procure, whenever he shall be of opinion that the said census would not be a fair basis of apportionment.

XV. Whenever any School Commissioner, Trustee, or Secretary-Treasurer, after his dismissal, resignation or ceasing to hold office, shall detain any book, paper or thing belonging to the School Commissioners or Trustees of any Municipality, he shall thereby incur a penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than five pounds for each day during which he shall retain possession of any such book, paper or thing, after having received a notice from the Superintendent of Schools requiring him to deposit the same in the hands of some person mentioned in such notice; and the said penalty shall be recoverable with costs before any Court of competent civil jurisdiction, in the name of the Superintendent of Schools, and the same when levied shall be paid into the hands of the said Superintendent, and shall form part of the unexpended balance of the Common School grant, and be dealt with accordingly.

XVI. And inasmuch as it will be conducive to the furtherance of Education in Lower Canada to establish therein a Council of Public Instruction,—the Governor shall have authority to appoint not more than fifteen and not less than eleven persons (of whom the Superintendent of Schools for Lower Canada shall be one) to be a Council of Public Instruction for Lower Canada, and such persons shall hold