

such visitation and examination to be held by such Committees respectively, And it shall be the duty of such persons, after due examination, to report from time to time to the said Courts of the General Sessions of the Peace, respectively, the state and condition of the said Schools."

XII. And etc., "That whenever the said courts of the General Sessions of the Peace, respectively, shall think proper they may admit any number not exceeding Four, to be free scholars of such English school, respectively, without any change for their tuition."

XIII. And etc., "That the said and respective courts of the General Sessions shall from time to time be accountable to the Legislature of the Province for their conduct and management of the monies granted to them by this Act."

[Continued by 50 G. III, Cap. XXXIII, to March 5, 1816.]

(2). 56 G. III, Cap. XXXIII, Act 1816.<sup>1</sup>

An Act to encourage the Establishment of Schools in this Province.

Passed March 16, 1816.

"Whereas the Education of the Youth is of utmost importance, and public attention to that object, in affording them easy means of acquiring useful knowledge, has been found to be attended with the utmost beneficial effects in society."

I. "Be it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace in the several and respective Counties of the Province, shall and may at the time of making annual appointment of Town or Parish Offices, have power and authority to nominate and appoint two or more fit persons to be Trustees of and for Schools in the several Towns or Parishes within their respective Counties." These Trustees shall be subject to the regulations and penalties of any Parish Officers and shall hold office until some one is appointed in their stead.

II. "It shall be the Duty of the Trustees to be appointed under and by virtue of this Act, as soon as may be after their appointment, after giving fifteen days previous public notice, to summon the inhabitants of the respective Towns or Parishes, being Freeholders, or having a yearly income in real or personal estate of the value of 40s., openly and publicly to meet and assemble in some fit

<sup>1</sup> Taken from the Acts of General Assembly of New Brunswick, etc., printed in 1817, printer G. K. Lugin, Fredericton.

and convenient place to be by the said Trustees for that purpose appointed, for the purpose of subscribing or voting for the raising of money by assessment in the manner hereinafter mentioned, for the establishment of Schools within their respective Parishes, to the end that the Youth may be taught Orthography, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Provided, nevertheless, that the monies so to be subscribed or raised, shall not be less than £30, not more than £90 for more than one year, and if raised by assessment, the same shall be determined by the majority of the inhabitants present at such meeting."

III. All necessary funds for building, equipment and maintenance of the school may be raised by assessment, upon a vote of the majority of the inhabitants.

IV. The Justices of the Peace may call at request of five freeholders, a meeting of the inhabitants once in every year for school purposes on the first Monday in October, having given fifteen days notice.

V. School money shall be raised by assessment in the same manner as poor rates. The assessment is to be limited to the inhabitants living within three miles of the school house.

VI, VII, VIII. Duties of the trustees.

(VI). (a). To agree with proper "persons duly licensed, as by His Majesty's instructions is directed," to teach such school or schools in their respective Parishes, and to fix the salary to be paid out of the money to be subscribed or raised as hereinbefore mentioned and out of that which may be received from the treasury of this Province.

(b). Hereby required to use their best endeavors to cause the Youth of their respective Parishes to attend School.

(c). To "visit and inspect the Schools of their Parishes twice in every year during the continuance of this Act; to inquire into the discipline and regulation thereof and of the proficiency of the Scholars and to take care that the benefit of such Schools shall be confined to the Youth of such persons as contribute to their support where the money shall be raised by subscription."

(VII). (d). To inquire from time to time into the conduct of the teachers and report to the Court of the General Sessions; also they shall have power to remove any teacher for negligence or bad morals.

(To be Continued.)