

OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

DIVISION OF LOWER CANADA INTO MUNICIPALITIES AND DISTRICTS FOR COMMON SCHOOL PURPOSES.

27. There shall be in each of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in each Municipality, Town or Village in Lower Canada, one or more Common Schools for the elementary instruction of youth, to be managed by School Commissioners,—or in the event of dissentient schools being established therein, then by the Trustees of such Schools,—in the manner hereinafter provided. 9 V. c. 27, s. 1.

Each Municipality to have one or more Common Schools.

28. Each Municipality existing on the ninth day of June 1846, or legally established thereafter, shall be a Municipality for the purposes of this Act; But the inhabitants of any City, Town or Village Municipality, other than the Cities of Montreal, Quebec and Three-Rivers, shall, for the purposes of this Act, (unless it is otherwise provided by any special Act) be subject to the jurisdiction of the School Commissioners or Trustees, elected for the Municipality of which the City, Town or Village makes or did formerly make part, and shall have the right of voting at the election of such School Commissioners or Trustees. 9 V. c. 27, s. 2.

What shall be deemed Municipalities for the purposes of this Act.

29. Provided that each Parish, Township or place, which, immediately before the first day of July, 1855, was a Municipality for School purposes, under the Common School Acts of 1846 and 1849, shall continue to be a School Municipality,—subject always to the provision, that any Municipality established after the said day, and for which School Commissioners or Trustees have been elected, has thenceforth been and shall be a School Municipality. 18 V. c. 100, s. 5, *part*.

Certain parishes, &c., to be Municipalities.

30. But the Governor in Council may, from time to time, alter the limits of existing School Municipalities, subdivide the same, or establish new ones, of all which public notice shall be given by the Superintendent of Education, in such manner as the Governor may direct. 12 V. c. 50, s. 1.

Limits of Municipalities may be altered and new ones established.

31. The School Commissioners or Trustees shall divide the Municipality into School Districts, in all places where this has not been already done, and shall designate them by the numbers one, two, &c., and the limits assigned by them to each District shall be entered in the Registers of their proceedings; they may also at their discretion alter the limits of Districts already existing, and erect new ones from time to time, so as to suit the wants of the population and local circumstances. 9 V. c. 27, s. 18.

Division of Municipalities into School Districts.

32. No School District shall contain less than twenty children between the ages of five and sixteen years; except that the Commissioners or Trustees may allow one School District in each Municipality to contain less than that number of children. 9 V. c. 27, s. 19.

A certain number of children in each district.