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**BILL.**

An Act to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS the establishment and support of Common Schools, for the instruction of youth, is of paramount importance; and it is necessary to ensure more ample funds and to make better legislative provision than has been heretofore made for this purpose in Lower Canada; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

That from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be in each of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in each Parish, Township, Town or Village in Lower Canada, Common Schools for the elementary instruction of youth, to be managed by School Commissioners, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Common Schools to be Established in the local divisions of Lower Canada.

II. And be it enacted, That each Parish, Township or place, which immediately before the passing of this Act, was entitled to elect a District Councillor or Councillors, shall be held to be a Parish or Township for the purposes of this Act, until other territorial subdivisions of the Province for School purposes shall be made according to law; and that each new Parish, Township, or Village, hereafter recognised or entitled to be recognised separately as such, shall be deemed to be a new Parish, Township or Village for the purposes of this Act.

What shall be deemed a Parish, Township or Village.

III. And be it enacted, That no failure to elect any officer, or to assess or levy any rate shall be construed to prevent the effect of any of the provisions of this Act, which shall then be carried into effect by the Governor in Council, by the means of the Superintendent of Schools hereinafter mentioned, and of School Commissioners, Assessors, Collectors, Teachers, and other Functionaries

Case of the failure to elect School officers in any local division provided for.

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