

Inspectors of  
Common  
Schools to be  
appointed.

Their duties  
and powers.

III. That it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint, from time to time and for such period as he shall deem necessary, in each of the Districts of Lower Canada, one or more competent persons as Inspectors of Common Schools therein, whose duty shall be to visit each School Municipality in the District or section of a District for which he shall be appointed, to examine the schools, school-teachers and school-houses therein, to inspect the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Register of the School Commissioners of every such Municipality, and generally to ascertain whether the provisions of the existing School Laws are there carried out and obeyed; and every such Inspector shall, with reference to such visits and examinations, have all the powers and authority of the Superintendent of Schools, unless those powers be otherwise defined, restricted or limited in and by the instrument appointing him.

Inspectors of  
Common  
Schools to  
make reports  
quarterly:  
what such  
reports shall  
shew.

IV. That every such Inspector shall act under instructions conveyed to him by the Superintendent of Schools, to whom he shall, at least once in every three months, make a report of all his proceedings, setting forth in a clear manner the state of education in each Municipality visited by him, the number of schools in operation therein, the competency of the teachers employed in such schools, the condition of the school-houses in cases where they are public property, the state of the School Commissioners' Register and Secretary-Treasurer's accounts; and the causes, if any, so far as they can be ascertained, which impede the full execution and operation of the School Laws in such Municipality; and shall include in such report, or shall furnish at any other time when required by the Superintendent of Schools, all such other information as may, by the Superintendent, be deemed necessary.

Penalty on  
Secretary-  
Treasurers  
and Teachers  
refusing in-  
formation to  
Inspectors.

V. That the Secretary Treasurer of each such Municipality, and every Teacher of a Common School therein, shall, on being thereunto requested by any such Inspector, exhibit to him all and every the documents in his charge, belonging to or in any way relating to his office of Secretary-Treasurer or Teacher, and for every refusal or neglect so to do, shall be liable to and incur a fine or penalty of two pounds currency, recoverable in the manner prescribed in and by the Act hereinbefore first cited for the recovery of fines thereby imposed.

Inspectors to  
Justices of  
the Peace,  
and exempt  
from 6. V. c.  
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VI. That every Inspector appointed under the authority of this Act shall be *ex officio* a Justice of the Peace of the District for which he shall be appointed; and the provisions of the Act passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An Act for the qualification of Justices of the Peace*" shall not extend to any such Inspector.