

An Act to amend the Lower Canada School Acts.

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the offices of School Commissioner and Inspector of Common Schools, in Lower Canada, and further to amend the School Laws of that portion of the Province; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. The Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend the School Laws of Lower Canada," is hereby repealed. with so much of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend the School Law of Lower Canada," and so much of the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for elementary instruction in Lower Canada," and of the Act passed in the Sessions held in the 19th and 20th years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend the Common School Laws and further to promote elementary education in Lower Canada," as provides for the election or appointment of School Commissioners, or as vests any powers in them or assigns any duties to them, and the office of School Commissioner is abolished. Office of School Commissioner abolished and the Act 16 V., c. 208, and parts of the Acts 9 V., c. 27, 12 V., c. 50, and 19, 20 V. c. 14, repealed.

II. All the powers vested by the said Acts or any of them in School Commissioners, for laying out the School Municipality into School Districts, and for levying or causing to be levied by assessment and rate, any sums of money for School purposes, and for receiving and applying the same and the shares of the Common School Fund coming to any School Municipality, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Local Council of the Municipality in which such School District is situate, and may be exercised by them, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if such power had been by the said Acts or either of them, vested in such Council in lieu of such School Commissioners, subject always to the penalties and liabilities imposed on School Commissioners for neglect of any duty assigned to them or any contravention of the law. Certain powers of School Commissioners transferred to Local Councils.

III. All the powers and duties vested in or assigned to School Commissioners by the said Acts or either of them, except such as are hereinbefore vested in and assigned to the Local Council of the Municipality, shall be and are hereby assigned to and vested in the Trustees of the several Common Schools respectively, with respect to which they would without this Act have been exercised by School Commissioners, subject always to the penalties and liabilities imposed on School Commissioners for neglect of any duty assigned to them or any contravention of the law. Other powers transferred to School Trustees.

IV. Notwithstanding any thing in the said Acts or any of them, no School fees shall be payable for any child which does not attend the School in respect of which such fees are payable, or for any time during which such child shall not attend the School. School fees not payable for children not attending.