

A LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK EDUCATION,

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(Continued.)

34. 3 V., Cap. XXXIX, 1840. An Act to amend an Act intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force, relating to Parish Schools," and to make other provisions respecting the same.

35. 6 V., Cap. XXXVIII, 1843. An Act to revise and continue the Acts relating to Parish Schools.

36. 8 V., Cap. XCVI, 1845. An Act to further continue the Acts relating to Parish Schools.

37. 9 V., Cap. LX, 1846. An Act in amendment of the Act now in force relating to Grammar Schools.

38. 10 V., Cap. VIII, 1847. An Act to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert.

39. 10 V., Cap. XLIV, 1847. An Act relating to the Lands reserved for Schools and Educational Purposes.

40. 10 V., Cap. 56, 1847. An Act to provide for the support and improvement of Parish Schools.

II. THE MORE IMPORTANT PARISH SCHOOL ACTS, 1802-1847.

(1). 45 G. III, Cap. XV, Act 1805.¹

An Act for encouraging and extending literature in this province.

Passed March 5, 1805.

"Whereas the education of youth is of utmost importance in society, and public attention to that object has by experience been found to be attended with utmost beneficial effects."

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, that a Public Grammar School be and the same is hereby established in the City of St. John.

Sections II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII have to do with the establishment of this school.

IX. "And be it further enacted, that there be, and are hereby established in each and every, of the Counties of this Province for Six Years (except in the County of St. John) two Schools, and in the said County of St. John, one School for instructing the youth of both sexes in the English

language, Writing and Arithmetic, which schools shall be under the direction, regulation, controul and management of the Justices of the Peace, for the said Counties, respectively, who are hereby authorized and empowered in such General Sessions, respectively, to appoint the Masters for the said Schools from time to time, and to displace them at their pleasure; And to direct and appoint the places where such Schools shall be kept or holden from time to time, so that only one of the said Schools shall be kept or holden in any one Parish at one and the same time, and when appointed for such Parish shall be kept or holden in the same for one continued year and no longer, and shall then be removed to another Parish, and shall there be continued in like manner, and so *toties quoties* until each and every Parish shall have received the benefit of having such School held within the same for one Year before the same School shall return to the Parish where it was once holden. Provided always, that the said School in the County of St. John shall never be held in the City or Parish of St. John, and provided further that neither of the said Schools for the said County of York shall be held in the Town or Parish of Fredericton, anything herein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding."

X. And etc., "That there shall be included in the estimate for the ordinary expenses of the Province the sum of £375 annually, and granted to the Justices of the Peace for the said and several Counties toward the support of the Masters of such English Schools, respectively, that is to say to the Justices of the Peace of the Counties of Westmorland, Charlotte, Northumberland, Kings, Queens, York and Sunbury, each £50, and the Justices of the Peace in the County of St. John, £25, so that each master shall receive at the rate of £25 per annum for his services."

XI. And etc., "That the said English schools, respectively, shall be visited and examined twice in each and every year. At such times as the said several Courts of the General Sessions of the Peace shall appoint, by Rectors or Missionaries of the several and respective Parishes or Places in each County where such School may happen to be kept or held, together with Committees to be for the purpose annually appointed by the said Courts of the General Sessions in each Year, or in case there shall be no Rector or Missionary in any one of the said Parishes or Places at the time, then

¹Taken from the Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's province of New Brunswick, printed by John Ryan, etc., 1805.