

Commissioners shall swear the witnesses, and are hereby authorized to that effect, and the evidence shall be taken by such Commissioner or Commissioners and afterwards transmitted by him or them to the Recording Clerk, who shall lay it before the Council.

If the Teacher
make default.

If the Teacher do not appear, and neglect to answer the charge, the Council shall proceed by default against him, and shall receive and take the evidence, or cause it to be received and taken, in the manner above provided.

Proceedings if
the charge be
proved, &c.

If the charge be not proved, the Council shall dismiss it, and if it be proved, the Council shall order as a penalty that the certificate or diploma of qualification of such Teacher be revoked, and that his name be struck from the book containing the names of the qualified Teachers.

Short Title of
Act.

XX. This Act shall be called and known as "The Lower Canada School Law Amendment Act of 1856."

Interpretation
clause.

XXI. In construing this Act, the words "Teacher" and "Student" shall apply to Female as well as Male Teachers and Students; and any power given to or any obligation imposed upon School Commissioners, shall apply to Trustees of the Dissentient Schools in reference to the schools and school districts under their control: the expression "Common School" shall apply to Dissentient School, and the words "Municipality" or "School Municipalities" shall apply to Dissentient Schools or School Districts under the control of Trustees as well as to Municipalities and Schools under the control of Commissioners;—the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered twenty-seven, shall be understood to be intended by the expression, "the Lower Canada School Act of 1846," or "the said Act of 1846,"—the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered fifty, shall be understood to be intended by the expression, "the Lower Canada School Law Amendment Act of 1849," or "the said Act of 1849,"—and the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered two hundred and eight, shall be understood to be intended by the expression, "the Lower Canada School Law Amendment Act of 1853," or "the said Act of 1853."

Repeal of in-
consistent pro-
visions.

XXII. So much of the said Acts of 1846, of 1849, and of 1853, or of any of them, as may be inconsistent with this Act, is hereby repealed.