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at any meeting regularly held, at which there shall be an absolute majority of the members of the board, may validly exercise all the powers of the corporation. (So it is in Lower Canada, see 9 V. c. 29, sec. 5.)

V. That the said trustees may circumscribe their separate schools as they like, (so it is in Lower Canada, 12 V., c. 50, sec. 18,) receive children of their faith from other school sections, (so it is in Lower Canada, 9 V., c. 27, sec. 29,) and qualify teachers for their separate schools, until they have a separate normal school.

VI. That the said trustees shall be entitled to receive from their said special superintendent, on a report such as required by him, such sums out of the government grant out of all the taxes for school and library purposes, and out of any provincial or municipal school funds, as proportionate to the population they represent according to the last official census, (so in Lower Canada, 9 V., c. 27, sec. 26, 12 V., c. 50, sec. 18,) provided that those sums shall be expended for school purposes: Provided also, that should any municipal corporation refuse to pay any portion of those sums, either the Chief Superintendent shall deduct a sum equal to the deficiency from the apportionment of the current and following years, until full payment, or the secretary of the board shall refer the case to the superior court, who will judge of it, and shall order the payment by all legal means.

VII. That such of the provisions of the common school acts of Upper Canada as are contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be and are hereby repealed.

VIII. That generally all words and provisions of this act, doubts and difficulties arising about it, shall receive such large, beneficial and liberal construction as will best ensure the attainment of this act, and the enforcement of its enactments, according to their true intent, meaning and spirit. (So in Lower Canada, 9 V., c. 27, sec. 55.)

IX. That the present act shall take effect from the first of January of this year, 1855.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that nothing short of the above will satisfy the conscientious convictions of the Catholics of this Province.

(Signed) + PATRICK PHELAN, Bp. of Carthage, Adm't. Apostolic.  
+ ARMANDUS FR. MA., Bp. of Toronto.  
+ JOS. EUGENE, Bishop of Bytown.