

An Act to provide for the establishment of superior Primary Schools in certain Parishes and Townships in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS schools purely elementary do not suffice to afford to the people an education adequate to their desires and requirements, on account of the difficulties experienced in the establishment of Model Schools upon the basis laid down by the Act 9 Vict., cap. 27; And inasmuch as superior elementary instruction receives but little encouragement in Lower Canada, and the people derive no apparent advantages from their schools, it becomes necessary to make further provisions for the perfecting of a system of public education; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

10 I. As soon as possible after the passing of this Act, the School Commissioners elected by virtue of the Acts 9 Vict. chap., 27, and 12 Vict. chap., 50, shall establish in each School Municipality, not containing less than three thousand inhabitants, a superior elementary school in the most central part of the Municipality, which shall be under the control of the said School Commissioners, and shall be in the place and 15 instead of a Model School as contemplated by the Acts above cited : Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the School Commissioners of any Municipality, the population of which shall be under three thousand, to establish a superior elementary school by virtue of this Act, if they 20 shall think proper so to do.

II. Children of both sexes residing in the School Municipality in which such school shall be established, shall be admitted thereto upon payment only of the fees payable at the other schools of the Municipality, provided that the children admitted to the said school shall be at 15 least able to read, to write from dictation and be acquainted with the four primary rules of arithmetic both simple and compound.

III. The regular course of instruction in the said School shall extend over a period of at least three years, during which instruction shall be given in grammar and geography in all their branches, history, practical 30 geometry, linear drawing, the use of the globes, book-keeping, composition and the forms of commercial transactions and the principles of Government and Agriculture.

IV. The purchase of the land, and the erection and repair of a building for such superior elementary school, shall be provided for in the 35 manner prescribed by the Acts 9, cap. 27, and 12 Viet., cap. 50 for the purchase of land and the erection of Model school houses.