

The only efficient remedy to that inveterate wound in a country which wants, above all, union and peace for its progress and prosperity, is to repeal clauses 19 A. and 4 B., Upper Canada; to place separate schools for everything under only one Official, not opposed to separate schools, and give them an equal share in all school funds. On that principle, and on the legislation of Lower Canada, is framed the following project of a School Bill:

An Act to better define certain Rights to parties therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the clauses of the school acts on separate schools in Upper Canada do not secure all that is granted to the dissenters in Lower Canada,

Repeal of separate school clauses.

I. Be it enacted, That the clauses 19—13 & 14, V., c. 48,—and 4—16 V., c. 185,—be and are repealed.

Any number of dissenters may establish a separate school and elect trustees.

II. That in any school section, when the arrangements for the common school shall not be agreeable to any number whatever of dissidents, those dissidents may signify in writing to the chairman of the board of common school trustees, their will of having one or more separate schools, and give in the names of three trustees, freeholders or not, elected by a majority at a public meeting convened by three heads of families of the same school section, and held according to the clauses 4 and 5 of the School Act of 1850: Provided that no member of those dissidents shall be allowed to vote at any common school election within the school section in which their separate schools shall be established. (So it is in Lower Canada, see 9 V., c. 27, sec. 26.)

Trustees a corporation, with same extended powers as common school trustees.

III. That the said trustees, by the only fact of the said signification and election, shall form *de facto* a corporation under the name of having all the same rights and powers, as defined and extended in common school acts of Upper Canada and in this act, subject to the same duties and penalties as the board of common school trustees, such as defined in the clauses 12 and 13 of the School Act of 1850, with the exception that they will be exclusively accountable to the only one official appointed *ad hoc* for copies, reports, &c.: That board also shall be renewed partly at each annual school meeting, as provided by the clause 3 of the School Act of 1850. (So it is in Lower Canada, see ditto.)

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General public meetings in each ward to elect separate school trustees.

IV. That in localities divided into wards, each ward this year within two months after the passing of this act, and every year after, on the second Wednesday of January, shall elect one fit person to be a trustee of one or more separate schools, and hold office until his successor be elected at the ensuing year, or himself may be re-elected if he consent thereto; that those trustees shall form one corporation under the name of having the same rights, subject to the same duties and penalties as mentioned in the preceding clause III, with the same exception that they will be accountable, for such conditions as may

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be required, exclusively to the only official appointed for the superintendence of separate schools; and that any majority of the members present