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No. 21.

An Ordinance to establish Public Schools throughout the Colony of British Columbia.

[13th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is necessary to establish an uniform system of Public Education throughout the Colony; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. "The Common School Act, 1865," of the former Colony of Vancouver Island, is hereby repealed. Common School Act 1865, repealed.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time, — Power to Governor in Council to create School Districts, apportion School grant, and make Rules for the management of Schools.

(a.) To describe "School Districts," to define the boundaries thereof, and from time to time repeal, alter, or amend the same;

(b.) To hear and determine all applications for Grants of Public Money for the assistance of Common Schools, and to apportion, as may be deemed most useful, the sum or sums of money granted by the Legislature for that purpose; provided, always, that the assistance granted to any School Teacher shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars per annum;

(c.) To appoint Teachers to Common Schools, and, upon good cause being shewn, to remove the same, or appoint others in their stead;

(d.) To provide for the examination of Common School Teachers, as well as regards efficiency as character.

(e.) To provide that the Text Books used in Common Schools be of a proper and non-sectarian character.

(f.) To provide for the visitation and inspection of Common Schools when deemed necessary, and for hearing and determining all complaints relating to the management, arrangement, and maintenance of Common Schools, and for the Public Grants made under this Ordinance being properly applied; provided, always, that the expenses of any such visitation and inspection shall not be borne by the School funds;

(g.) To make Regulations for due Returns being made of the Receipts and Expenditures of Common Schools, and generally for all such information as may be deemed necessary;

(h.) To take charge of all Lands and Buildings set apart for general School purposes, and applicable therefor, however acquired, whether by original reservation by the Government or otherwise, and administer the same for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(i.) To make Rules and Regulations for the management and government of Common Schools;

(j.) To provide for the establishment and election of Local Boards, as hereinafter provided.

III. No School District shall be created unless the following conditions are complied with, namely:— Petition from residents required.

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