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SCHOOL,

FOR THE YEAR 1830,

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BRITISH AND-CANADIAN SCHOOL,
Conducted upon LANCASTER'S system of Mutual Instruction.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. LORD AYLMER, K.C.B.

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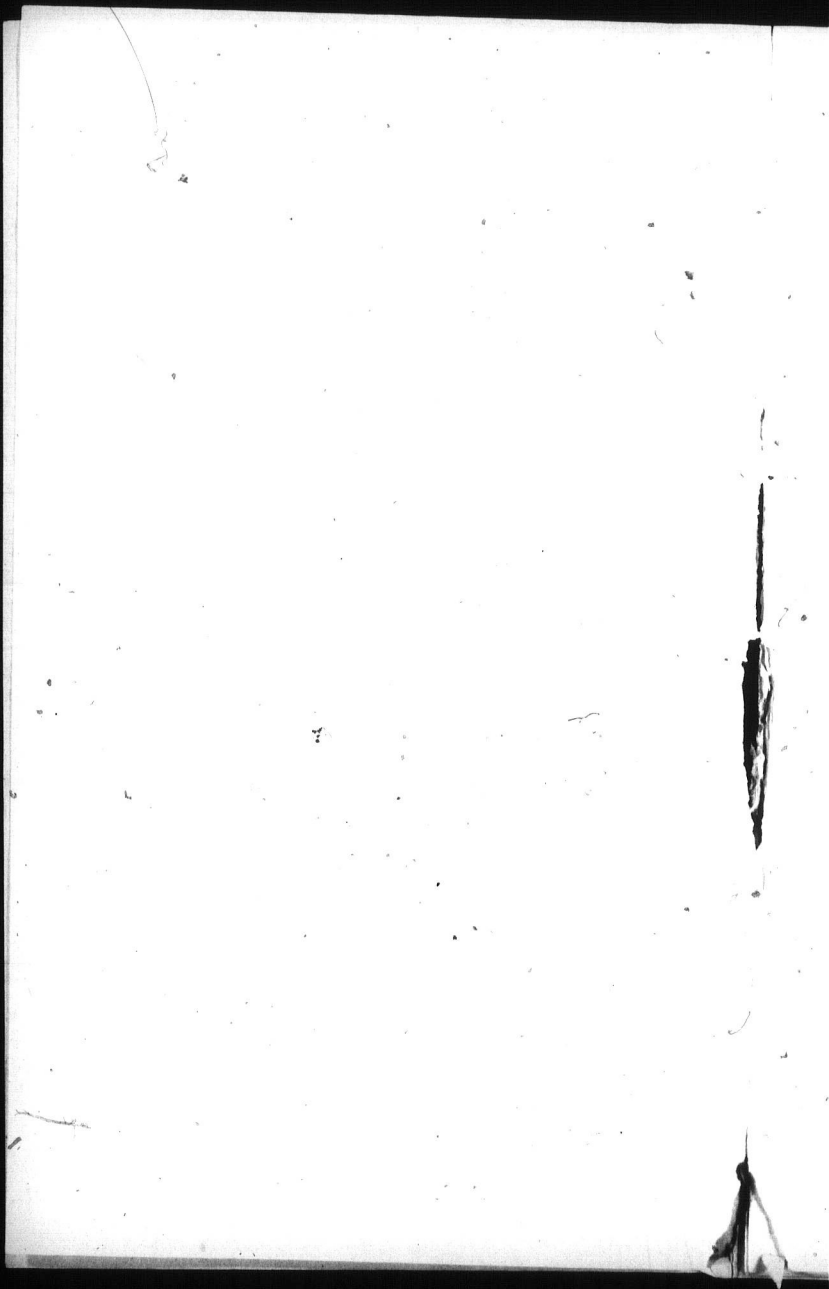
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PLAN OF THE SOCIETY.

- 1.—That the Society be under the direction of a President, six Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of twenty-one members.
- 2.—That all Subscribers of ten shillings annually, or five pounds in one donation, shall be considered Members of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the General Meetings, and to be elected Members of the Committee, and shall be also entitled to have one child continually in the School, and so in proportion for any larger sum.
- 3.—That all subscriptions be paid annually in advance, on the 1st November, and no Member shall be entitled to any privilege during such time as his subscription is in arrear.
- 4.—All Clergymen of the Church of Rome, and Protestant Ministers of every denomination, shall be considered Honorary Members of the Society upon their signifying, in writing, to the Committee, their desire to become so, and shall be entitled to attend, but not to vote at the General Meetings.
- 5.—That a General Meeting of the Members be held every year, at which meeting the proceedings of the Committee for the preceding year be read, and if approved, confirmed. That the funds and the state of the School be considered, and a report thereof, for the information of Subscribers, be approved and published, and such additional regulations and resolutions adopted as may be deemed necessary, and a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Members of the Committee elected or re-elected; and that the Members of the Society be permitted to give orders for admission to any friends that may be desirous of attending.
- 6.—That special meetings of the Members be called at the request of the Committee, seven or more being present, or by any twelve Members of the Society, seven days notice being given thereof.
- 7.—That no question be decided by ballot, unless demanded in writing and signed by at least ten Members at the General Meeting, (wherein the question shall arise) and

that all Female and absent Members be entitled to vote by proxy at such ballot which shall be taken seven days subsequent to such General Meeting.

8.—That the Committee meet on the third Monday in every calendar month, five whereof shall form a quorum.

9.—That the Committee may fill up any vacancy which may happen therein during the interval of the general yearly meeting, the members being proposed at one and elected at the subsequent monthly meeting.

10.—That any three members of the Committee may call a special meeting thereof, specifying, in writing, the business to be submitted thereto, and which the Secretary shall insert in the summons.

11.—That no officer of the Society receiving a pecuniary remuneration shall be admitted as a member of the Committee.

12.—That the Committee shall appoint the Schoolmaster and all the inferior officers of the society, and form temporary regulations, which shall be in force until the next General Meeting, but no longer, unless then confirmed.

13.—That the general Reading Lessons be confined to the Holy Scriptures, without note or commentary, and that no other books except those chosen by the Committee for lessons in Spelling and Grammar, Arithmetic and the first principles of Geometry be introduced into the school-room.

14.—That the above resolution be particularly attended to, as it is to be observed that the *fundamental principle* of the system is, that nothing should be taught which can in any way *tend* to prevent conscientious and pious parents of any religious denomination from sending their children for instruction, and the spirit of this principle, it is hoped, will prevent visitors from endeavouring to bias any children within the walls of the school, in favor of any particular place of worship.

15.—That the Committee co-operate with the parents in devising the best means of securing the regular attendance of the children, on the Sabbath, at their respective places of worship.

16.—That it would be desirable that a Sub-Committee be formed as soon as possible of Female subscribers of five shillings each annually, or of £2 10 in one donation, for the management of a Girls' School, as Ladies are so much

better qualified to devise and attend to the regulations respecting the economy of the instruction of females.

17.—That it is recommended, after the pattern of some schools in England, that in the Girls' school the mornings be devoted to needlework, and the afternoons to reading, writing, and arithmetic; but that on the whole of one day in the week, the Girls should be allowed to work exclusively for their own emolument; and the eldest girls and Monitors attend an extra hour to learn to cut out garments every day in the week; and that the Boys who have made a tolerable proficiency in reading, writing, and arithmetic, be allowed to form a class to receive lessons an extra hour, in such branches of Geometry as are necessary to Mechanical Trades Land Surveying, &c.

18.—That the hours of the school be from 9 to 12; and from 2 to 5, the last hour from 4 to 5 being considered the extra hour, exclusively, for the instruction of the senior children.

19.—That the parents of the children recommended by the members, who can afford to give something, shall pay from 1d. to 4d. per week for each child, to be paid by the parents the 1st of every month, into the hands of such person or persons appointed by the Committee; and that if there be room for more children than the Subscribers are entitled to recommend, the Committee shall be entitled to fill up the number, bearing in view any assistance that can thereby be contributed towards encreasing the funds of the school, by receiving into the school those children whose parents can well afford to pay for their instruction, thereby enabling the Society to receive an additional number of the poorer classes.

20.—That the strictest attention be paid to the cleanliness of the children, by the Master and Mistress in their respective schools, inspecting them daily with peculiar scrutiny.

21.—That in the event of the funds being sufficient, articles of clothing shall be furnished to the poor children who have been attentive, orderly and regular in their attendance.

22.—That no children be admitted until they have completed their sixth year.

EXAMINATION, AND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Examination of the Scholars of the British and Canadian School having taken place on the 14th of January, 1831, in the presence of Lord AYLMER, His Excellency kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and expressed himself highly gratified with the performance of the boys, which he considered as reflecting the highest credit on Mr. Morris, the Schoolmaster, and bearing the most favorable testimony to the practical excellence of the plan on which the school had been conducted.

His Lordship then retired, and

The Annual Meeting of the *British and Canadian School Society* was held, D. SUTHERLAND, Esq. Vice President, in the Chair; when, the Report of the Committee having been read, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1.—Moved by T. A. Stayner, Esquire, seconded by A. Ferguson, Esq.

That the Report be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

2.—Moved by Dr. Perrault, seconded by Capt. Elgee, R.A.

That the thanks of this Institution be presented to His Excellency the Right Hon. Lord AYLMER, for the Patronage and liberal support graciously afforded to the Society by His Lordship.

3.—Moved by Capt. Stoyte, 24th Regt. seconded by Mr. John Ryan,

That the thanks of this Institution are due to the British and Foreign School Society in England, for the interest manifested for its welfare by that Society. That the Secretary be directed to convey those thanks, with a copy of the Report, and to express the hope entertained by this meeting that the kind services hitherto extended to this charity will be continued.

4.—Moved by J. C. Fisher, Esq. seconded by Mr. Clapham,

That the thanks of this Institution are due to the Vice Presidents and other Officers of the Institution, for their services.

5.—Moved by Mr. P. Langlois, seconded by Mr. J. Fisher,
That the thanks of the friends of this School are in an

especial manner due to Benjamin Tremain, Esq. for the valuable services rendered by him to the Institution since its formation, not merely in his capacity of Treasurer, the duties of which he has so satisfactorily performed, but for his unwearied and successful exertions in promoting the general objects of the School.

6.—Moved, by F. Romain, Esq. seconded by Mr. R. Haddan, That it is now expedient, in accordance with the constitution of this Institution, to connect with it a Girls' school, and that the following Ladies be requested to form a Sub-Committee for its management, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.—(See list of Ladies' Committee)

7.—Moved by Mr. J. B. Bigaouette, seconded by Mr. F. Vallerand,

That it is necessary to amend so much of Article No. 1, in the plan of the Society, as limits the number of Vice Presidents to *four*, and to make the number of Vice Presidents *six*; and as limits the number of members composing the Committee to *fourteen*, and to make the number *twenty-one*.

8.—Moved by Mr. J. Musson, seconded by Mr. Augustin Gauthier,

That it is necessary to amend the following Articles in the original plan of the Society. Article No. 2,—Instead of 20s. annually as the qualification, that 10s. annually, shall entitle a subscriber to become a member of this Society, and to possess the same privileges as were heretofore enjoyed by those who subscribed 20s. Article 16,—That in forming a Sub-Committee of Ladies for the management of the Girls' school, a subscription of 5s. annually, instead of 10s. annually, or of £2 10 in one donation, be the qualification, and that new Subscription Books be now opened for those persons who may be pleased to subscribe under the above regulations.

9.—Moved by Dr. Painchaud, seconded by Mr. Woodroffe,

That the following Gentlemen be appointed Officers of the Institution for the ensuing year.—(See list of Officers.)

The Chairman then resigned the Chair, and it was Resolved, being

10.—Moved by Dr. Parant, and seconded by Mr. G. Henderson,

That the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to Daniel Sutherland, Esq. for his valuable services in the Chair.

REPORT

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BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY.

As several years have passed without any Report having been made of the proceedings of this Establishment, your Committee consider it their duty to take a retrospect of its progress since the year 1824, the date of the last Report; but this they propose to do in as succinct a manner as the nature of the subject admits.

A reference to the abstract from the Books of the Society, which is annexed to this Report, will show that, notwithstanding the various obstacles with which the different Committees had to contend, the school gradually increased from 1823, until the month of March, 1830, at which time the number of Scholars was 204—as marked in the book of Daily Attendance; but since that period the number has been reduced to 85. Your Committee however have the means of accounting for this diminution in a manner which will convince their friends that it does not arise from any cause inimical to this establishment, but from such as might naturally have been expected to produce this effect. They have now the satisfaction of stating that the number is again on the increase, and hope that a proper attention and effort on the part of the members of the Society will soon cause the vacant benches to be once more filled.

The cause of the diminution alluded to above, is not such as to discourage the friends of Education in this country, on the contrary, it arises from the circumstance of three schools receiving aid from the Legislature, with several private schools, having come into operation this year; and although

these schools are all sectarian, yet it is satisfactory to remark that they are conducted on liberal principles, and two of them partly on the Lancasterian plan.

One of these schools is a large two story stone building, forming two school rooms, each capable of containing 320 scholars—and actually now educating 140 in one, and 202 in the other—being of the Roman Catholic persuasion.—The building is erected in St. John's Suburb, immediately adjoining St. Roch Suburb; and, as was to be expected, some of the boys who were in the habit of coming from that part of the town to the British and Canadian School, have now gone to that establishment, from its being nearer to their places of residence; and others, for the object of learning their Catechism, which, under the Lancasterian system, is not taught.

Another is a large wooden building in St. Louis' Suburb, adjoining St. John's Suburb, designed to accommodate 300 scholars. This school was erected by J. F. Perrault, Esq. who, on resigning the Presidency of the British and Canadian School, built it at his own expense, but has since received aid for supporting it, from the Legislature. This school has now in attendance 220 boys, who are likewise of the Roman Catholic persuasion.

The third school, erected by the aid of the Legislature, has been built under the direction of the Elders of the Presbyterian Church of St. Andrew. It is a good substantial stone building, capable of containing 220 scholars, and has in attendance 80 boys.

In the year 1828, the Governor in Chief having found it no longer convenient to allow the Committee to occupy the Guard House at Hope Gate, as a school room, they were put to some inconvenience to find a suitable place for con-

tinuing the school, and were obliged to hire part of a house in St. Charles Street, which served only as a temporary accommodation.

This difficulty induced the Committee to make an application to the Legislature, and, through the able assistance of Thomas Lee, Esq. one of the Members of the House of Assembly, and Secretary to this Institution, they obtained a grant of £400, to which has since been added another of £100 in aid of the Funds of the Society. With these sums the Trustees have purchased a large building lot in the heart of the populous Suburb of St. Roch, and erected an excellent stone building to contain 300 scholars, according to the plan laid down in the Society's manual. A portion of the upper part has been fitted up into rooms for the Schoolmaster, which he has occupied since September last. There yet remains, however, due, the sum of £100, being part of the purchase-money of the ground.

Although the Society have had some opposition to contend with, yet they have experienced many acts of liberality and encouragement, for which they feel grateful, among which they cannot abstain from noticing the kind assistance and support of Captain Anderson of the Royal Artillery, who, although a perfect stranger, most readily became a subscriber, and gave his attendance to further the objects of the Society. Nor ought they to omit to mention the very liberal bequest of the late Captain Stott, late Paymaster of the Royal Vet. Bat., of £100, as marking his conviction in favor of the British system of Education, as pursued in this school. This bequest enabled your Committee to discharge so much of the purchase-money of the lot on which the school house has been erected, leaving due, the balance specified above.

Your Committee would not act according to the dictates of their feelings, were they not warmly to acknowledge the kind and liberal aid of the late Governor in Chief, the Earl of Dalhousie, under whose Patronage the Institution was established, and who, to the hour of his departure, gave his ready countenance, as well by every public act in his power, as by the most liberal private donations, at all times when the Society's funds required his support. His successor, Sir James Kempt, most readily consented to become the Patron of the school. It was under his Administration that the grant for the erection of this school house was obtained, and from him the Society doubtless would have received every pecuniary aid, had their funds, during that period, required it.

Your Committee, in resigning their trust, cannot refrain from expressing their conviction of the absolute necessity of constant and regular attention on the part of the individuals, who undertake the immediate superintendence of an Institution of this kind; and they hope their successors will be able to devote more time to the object, than they have had it in their power to do—without which, complete success cannot be expected.

Your Committee now annex the accounts of the Institution to the present date; by which it will be seen that the funds of the Society, although low, yet leave a balance of £102 2 7 in hand, a sum which, it is hoped, will prove sufficient to keep up the establishment until it again experiences the liberality of the Legislature, without whose aid, it would be impossible to support it—the larger proportion of the inhabitants being in indigent circumstances.

A tribute of praise is justly due to Mr. Morris, the Master of the school, for his unremitting attention, and for the great

skill and ability displayed in advancing the boys, which your Committee have much pleasure in observing has been particularly noticed by the Legislature,—the sum of £30 having been accorded to him, in consideration of his bringing forward 10 scholars, so as to enable them to teach on the Lancasterian system.

N.B.—A list of the Subscribers will be published as soon as the Annual collection has been made.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Admitted from	Novr. 1823	to Novr. 1824,	—183 Scholars.
..	..	1824	.. 1825,— 95
..	..	1825	.. 1826,— 91
..	..	1826	.. 1827,—131
..	..	1827	.. 1828,—103
..	..	1828	.. 1829,—106
..	..	1829	.. 1830,—281
Total admitted,.....			990
Total withdrawn,....			905
Now in attendance,.....			85

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43	are registered Roman Catholics,
28	Episcopalians,
7	Presbyterians,
7	Wesleyans.
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25 Read Scripture Lessons, Write on Paper, and learn Arithmetic,
 20 Read on Lesson-Boards,
 40 learn to Spell in Lower Classes.

Dr. BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOL, in Account Current with B. TREMAIN, Esq. Treasurer, Cr.

1830.		1830.		1830.	
£	s.	£	s.	£	s.
To Sundries, for the support of the School during the year, per documents examined by the Auditors,					
172	4	45	18	04	0
To ditto, for finishing the upper part of the Building, per ditto,					
47	19	150	0	0	0
102	2	100	0	0	0
To Balance in hand, (see below, *)					
322	6	26	8	4	4
				£	392
					6
					4

* N. R. This balance is composed of the following items, viz:—
 Balance of money granted for the support of the School, and now in the course of expenditure,

Balance of money granted for finishing the School House, and now in the course of ditto,	£23	13	9
Private Subscription for the year ended 30th Novr. 1830,	52	0	6
	26	8	4
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	£102	2	7

Quebec, December 31, 1830.

(Signed) **A. FERGUSON,**
PETER LANGLOIS,
JOHN M'LEOD, } Auditors.

(Signed) **BENJ. TREMAIN,** Trsr.