

BY AUTHORITY.

ANNO DECIMO QUINTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XL.

An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of the Parish Schools.

Passed 7th April 1852.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the better establishment of Parish Schools in this Province;

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. An Act made and passed in the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools*; also an Act made and passed in the twelfth year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools,'* are hereby repealed; provided such repeal shall not extend or be construed to extend to any proceeding had or any penalty incurred under and by virtue of the said Acts, or either of them, but that the Board of Education, and all appointments to office, all engagements, agreements and contracts made under the authority of the said Acts, or either of them, shall be valid and in full force, and binding upon all parties concerned, as if made under the authority of this Act, and shall so continue until altered, modified or suspended according to the provisions of this Act; and provided also, that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to have repealed any law of this Province, whereby provision was made for the payment of money from the Revenue of this Province towards the support of the Parish Schools, for services performed or to be performed under such laws.

2. Three fit persons shall at the time of making or confirming the annual appointment of Town or Parish Officers, be appointed by the Courts of General Sessions in every County for every Town or Parish therein, or be chosen by the rate payers upon property in cases where the law shall so authorize and direct, as Trustees of Schools, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty in the same manner as other Town or Parish Officers, and be in all respects subject to the same rules and regulations, penalties and forfeitures, as other Town or Parish Officers are subject to, by virtue of an Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the local government of Counties, Towns and Parishes in this Province*, or by any other Act or Acts that may now or hereafter be in force in this Province for the like purpose.

3. It shall be the duty of the said Trustees to divide their respective Parishes into as many School Districts as may from time to time be found convenient and necessary; and when the inhabitants of any district shall have provided a sufficient School House, agreed with a Teacher duly licenced for a term not less than six months, and secured the pecuniary or other allowances hereinafter mentioned for the Teacher, all being done with the consent and approbation of the said Trustees, or any two of them, of which they shall give the proposed Teacher a memorandum in writing, then such Trustees shall consider such Teacher in the Parish School service; and it shall also be the duty of the said Trustees to suspend or displace any Teacher within the Parish for incapacity, intemperance, or any immoral or improper conduct; and in case of suspension or dismissal, the said Trustees shall forthwith transmit a report of their proceedings to the Provincial Superintendent of Schools to be appointed under the provisions of this Act, for the information of the Board of Education; and such dismissal shall be final, and the Teacher's licence cancelled, unless he or she appeal within thirty days to the said Board of Education, who may thereupon order an inquiry to be made by the local Inspector to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, on whose report a final decision of the case shall be made; provided always, that the said Trustees in giving such approbation to the employment of any Teacher or Teachers, shall have regard to the Provincial bounty apportioned for the year by the Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, under the provisions of this Act, to the Parish in which the School or Schools is or are to be taught, so as not to extend the number of Schools in any one Parish beyond the number for which provision shall have been made.

Preamble.

Acts

10 V. c. 56, and

12 V. c. 45,

repealed.

Reservations.

Three Trustees of Schools in each Parish or District to be appointed or elected.

13 V. c. 30.

Trustees to divide their Parishes into Districts, and concur in engagements with Teachers.

Power to suspend or displace Teachers.