



CHAPTER 62

An Act respecting the Montreal Catholic School Commission

[Assented to, the 11th of March, 1931]

WHEREAS the Montreal Catholic School Commission Preamble. has, by its petition, represented:

That it is urgent for it to acquire new school sites, to erect and acquire new schools and residences; to enlarge, improve and repair existing schools; to perform the work of establishing playgrounds for the pupils, and to pay any hypothecary obligation maturing during the year 1931-1932, and that for such purposes it is necessary for the said Commission to contract a loan;

Whereas the corporation is asked by the ratepayers of the city of Montreal to establish, within its territory, schools for infirm children and the corporation believes that it is able to meet such request provided it may benefit from the privileges granted to public charitable institutions by the Public Charities Act;

Whereas it is expedient to annex, for school purposes, the municipal territory of the town of Montreal West to the school territory under the control and jurisdiction of the Commission;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 1 of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 53, as amended by the acts 63 Victoria, chapter 99, section 1; 5 Edward VII, chapter 90, section 1; 6 Edward VII, chapter 84, section 1; 9 Edward VII, chapter 39, section 1; 1 George V

54 Vict., c.
53, s. 1,
amended.

(1st session), chapter 22, section 1; 2 George V, chapter 27, section 1; 3 George V, chapter 30, section 1; 6 George V, chapter 63, section 1; 8 George V, chapter 37, section 1; 10 George V, chapter 39, section 3; 11 George V, chapter 49, section 1; 12 George V, chapter 48, section 1; 14 George V, chapter 35, section 1; 15 George V, chapter 43, section 1; 16 George V, chapter 46, section 1; 17 George V, chapter 41, section 1; 18 George V, chapter 49, section 1; 19 George V, chapter 46, section 1, and 20 George V, chapter 58, section 1, is again amended by adding thereto, after subsection *ff* thereof, the following subsection:

Issue of bonds authorized.

“*gg*. The Montreal Catholic School Commission is authorized to issue, in addition to the loans already authorized, bonds or debentures for an additional amount not exceeding three million dollars, to acquire or erect schools and residences for the religious teaching staff; to enlarge, improve and repair existing schools; to acquire sites to be used as playgrounds for the pupils, and to pay any hypothecary obligation maturing during the fiscal year 1931-1932. Such bonds or debentures shall be issued in accordance with the act 54 Victoria, chapter 53, section 3, or any other act and the amendments thereto, governing loans by the said Commission.”

Establishment of special schools authorized.

2. The Montreal Catholic School Commission is authorized to establish in its territory special schools for infirm children, and, for such purpose, may make all disbursements for the purchase of grounds, erection and equipment of such schools, and for the hospitalization of the pupils, as well as for paying the salaries of special teachers and the medical officers. It may, with the approval of the Roman Catholic Committee of the Council of Education, provide for the organizing of special courses of study, and regulate the establishment, management, examination and inspection of such special schools.

Annexation of territory.

3. The municipal territory of the town of Montreal West, comprising the original lots one hundred and thirty-eight, one hundred and thirty-nine, and one hundred and forty, of the cadastre of the parish of Montreal, is annexed, for school purposes, to the territory under the control and jurisdiction of the Montreal Catholic School Commission, from the 1st of July, 1931.

Rate of taxation.

The rate of the real estate contribution for school purposes on the territory hereby annexed shall be the same as that imposed on the territory of the city of Montreal.

Such school tax shall be levied and collected by the proper municipal authorities of the town of Montreal West at the same time as the municipal taxes, and, notwithstanding any special or general provision of law governing the municipality, the amount of the Catholic school tax so levied, and the share of the tax in the neutral panel accruing for the benefit of Catholic education, shall be paid over to the Montreal Catholic School Commission, in four payments, the first of which shall be forty per cent, payable within one month from the date fixed by the said municipality as the due date of the tax on immoveables, both for municipal and for school purposes; the second of which shall be twenty per cent, payable two months after the due date of the tax on immoveables; the third of which shall be twenty per cent, payable four months after the due date of the tax on immoveables; and the fourth of which shall be the balance of the amount of the tax above mentioned and shall be payable seven months after the due date of the tax on immoveables, but, in any event, not later than the 30th of June in each year.

The municipal council may, by resolution approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow, at its option, a sufficient amount to pay in one payment all instalments hereinabove mentioned or each of them at maturity. Such loans shall in nowise affect the borrowing power of such municipality and shall be reimbursed out of the school taxes collected.

The Montreal Catholic School Commission shall have the right to exact, from the municipality in arrears on any of such four instalments, interest at the rate of five per cent *per annum* on the amounts of such arrears.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.