



## CHAPTER 46

### An Act respecting the Order of Scholastic Merit

[Assented to, the 22nd of March, 1928]

**HIS MAJESTY**, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** The Revised Statutes, 1925, are amended by inserting therein, after chapter 133 thereof, the following chapter: R. S., c. 133A, added.

#### “CHAPTER 133A

#### “AN ACT RESPECTING THE ORDER OF SCHOLASTIC MERIT

“**1.** This act may be cited as the *Scholastic Merit Act*. Short title.

“**2.** The Order of Scholastic Merit of the Province of Quebec is instituted for the purpose of encouraging teachers by honours and rewards, and to acknowledge services rendered to education. Purpose of Order.

“**3.** The following decorations and diplomas may be awarded: Decorations and diplomas.

1. The decoration of the first degree of the Order of Scholastic Merit and the diploma of “merit”;

2. The decoration of the second degree and the diploma of “great merit”;

3. The decoration of the third degree and the diploma of “distinguished merit”.

“**4.** Such decorations and diplomas may be awarded to all religious and lay officers of primary education who are under the control of the school commissioners or trustees, as well as to the teachers of independent schools, the school inspectors, and the principals and professors of the normal schools of this Province. Persons entitled thereto.

Board entrusted to award decorations, etc. for Catholics.

"5. The recognition of scholastic merit and the awarding of the decorations and diplomas for Roman Catholics shall be entrusted to a board composed of five members of the Roman Catholic Committee of Education and be selected by the latter.

Id., for Protestants.

"6. The recognition of scholastic merit and the awarding of decorations and diplomas for Protestants shall be entrusted to a board composed of five members of the Protestant Committee of Education and be selected by the latter.

Superintendent of Education member of both boards, etc.

"7. The Superintendent of Education shall be *ex officio* a member of both these boards. The Secretary of the Roman Catholic Committee of Education shall also form part of the board, appointed under section 5, as secretary thereof, and the secretary of the Protestant Committee of Education shall in the same capacity form part of the board provided for in section 6.

Powers of both Committees.

"8. The Roman Catholic and Protestant Committees of Education may adopt regulations:

- a. For determining on what conditions the various degrees of scholastic merit may be obtained;
- b. For establishing the kind and form of decorations and diplomas of the Order of Scholastic Merit;
- c. For defining the sources of information from which the boards named by them for the recognition of scholastic merit may draw for the awarding of the decorations and diplomas of the Order.

Awards to certain officers and teachers.

"9. The decorations and diplomas of the Order of Scholastic Merit may be awarded to officers of primary education who have retired and to teachers who accept a position in the Department of Education of this Province, provided they come within the conditions fixed by the regulations adopted under paragraph *a* of section 8.

Superintendent of Education member of third degree.

"10. The Superintendent of Education shall be *ex officio* a member of the third degree of the Order of Scholastic Merit and shall receive the decoration and diploma of "distinguished merit".

Carrying out of act.

"11. The Superintendent of Education shall have charge of the carrying out of this act."

Coming into force.

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