



CHAPTER 46

An Act respecting the Montreal Catholic School Commission

[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]

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

That it is urgent for it to acquire new sites for schools, to erect and acquire new schools, to enlarge, improve and repair existing schools, to perform the work of establishing playgrounds for the pupils, and that for such purposes it is necessary to contract a loan;

That the present revenues of the Commission are insufficient to provide for the payment of the interest, the creation of a sinking-fund for the loan asked for, and for the cost of administration of the new schools which the said Commission proposes to erect;

That the said Commission deems it expedient and in the interest of its teaching staff of the female sex and permanent female employees to create a system of group life insurance; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer therefor 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 (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,
54 Vict.,
c. 53, s. 1,
am.

chapter 49, section 1; 12 George V, chapter 48, section 1; 14 George V, chapter 35, section 1, and 15 George V, chapter 43, section 1, is again amended by adding thereto, after subsection *aa* thereof, the following subsection:

Commission authorized to issue bonds to acquire sites for schools, etc.

“*bb*. 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 one million five hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of acquiring school sites, acquiring or building schools or residences for its staff of religious teachers; of enlarging, improving and repairing the schools already existing; of acquiring sites for establishing playgrounds for the pupils, and to meet the deficits of the fiscal years 1924-1925 and 1925-1926.

Provisions applicable.

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.”

15 Geo. V, c. 43, s. 2, replaced.

2. Section 2 of the act 15 George V, chapter 43, is replaced by the following:

Group insurance of teachers.

“**2.** The Central Board of the Montreal Catholic School Commission is authorized to establish in favour of the male and female lay teachers and permanent male and female employees a group life insurance or any other method of insurance deemed expedient by such Board and by the majority of the teachers and employees. The Board may contribute up to three-tenths of the amount of the annual premium,—the balance of such premium being paid by the persons insured. Participation in such group insurance shall be obligatory upon the male and female lay teachers now in the employ of the Commission who have agreed to join it, and upon every male and female lay teacher entering the employ of the Commission after the sanctioning of this act. The Central Board may adopt, with the approval of the majority of the male, or female teachers, as the case may be, and of the permanent employees, all regulations it deems expedient for organizing and administering such group insurance or any method of insurance approved by such Board and by the majority of the teachers and employees.”

5 Geo. V, c. 38, s. 3, replaced.

3. Section 3 of the act 5 George V, chapter 38, as replaced by the act 11 George V, chapter 49, section 8, and amended by the act 15 George V, chapter 43, section 3, is again replaced by the following:

Endowment fund for lay teachers.

“**3.** The Central Board may create an endowment fund for lay teachers of both sexes. Participation in such fund

shall be obligatory for every male teacher of an age of less than forty-five years, and for every female teacher of an age of less than forty years. Such endowment fund shall be formed by means of a contribution by the Central Board of not more than one per cent and a retention out of the annual salary of every such lay teacher of not more than one per cent. The total amount contributed by the Central Board shall not in any case be more than that contributed by the said teachers. Any teacher who ceases to be employed by the Commission after having contributed to the endowment fund for less than five years shall be entitled to the repayment of the amount retained, capitalized, and in such case the Central Board shall take back its contribution. Any teacher who ceases to be employed by the Commission, after having contributed for five years or more to the endowment fund, shall be entitled to the repayment of his share capitalized, that is to say, to the capitalized amount of his contribution added to that of the Central Board. After twenty years, such annual contribution shall cease, both as to the teacher and as to the Central Board, and at the expiration of the following year the teacher shall receive the interest upon his capitalized share, which shall be paid him every year, and the capital of which shall be paid him, on application, whenever he ceases to be in the employ of the Commission. The Central Board is authorized to make all regulations it deems necessary for the organization and administration of such endowment fund. Regulations.

Nevertheless, every male or female teacher who has contributed to the endowment fund for a period of five to twenty years and who retires: (a) on account of ill health after ten years of teaching; (b) after twenty years of teaching; (c) at fifty-six years of age,—shall be a pensioner of the Commission and be entitled to a life rent payable on the 30th of June of each year, such rent to be the simple interest at five per cent on his or her capitalized share. In the case of a male or female lay teacher the said rent may be applied wholly or in part towards the payment of the premium of group life insurance or of any other method of insurance; if the interest is insufficient, the capital itself may be used for such purpose. Life rent in certain cases.

Every male or female teacher who is not a participant in the endowment fund, upon retiring: (a) on account of ill health after at least ten years of teaching; (b) after twenty years of teaching; (c) at fifty-six years of age,—shall be a pensioner of the Commission. The bonus granted by the regulations of the Central Board of the Commission may be applied towards the payment of the premium of the group life insurance or of any other method of insurance.” Idem.

Exemption
from taxa-
tion of
Montreal
University.

4. Montreal University and its properties are exempted, for the past and for the future, from all school taxes. Such exemption shall not, however, apply to immoveables or parts of immoveables of the said University used or employed as revenue earning property.

Coming into
force.

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