

Reserva-
tion. commissions so annexed, in connection with the school taxes assessed under the above mentioned rolls, may not be contested on account of informalities or irregularities in said rolls. This section shall not affect the rights of the ratepayers to contest said rolls for excessiveness or other questions touching the merits and not the procedure or formalities only.

Certain
loans and
provisions
applicable
thereto.

6. Loans contracted by the Montreal Catholic School Commission under the authority of the acts 10 George V, chapter 39; 11 George V, chapter 49; 12 George V, chapter 48, and 14 George V, chapter 35, form part of the school obligations of the city of Montreal, and the provisions of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 53, section 3, have been duly applied thereto.

Coming into
force.

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

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An Act to amend the act respecting the Catholic schools of
Montreal

[Assented to, the 3rd of April, 1925]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Catholic commissioners of the Commission on Education specially entrusted with the study of the extension of the powers of the Montreal Catholic School Commission have made certain suggestions in the report sent by them to the Government on the 27th of December, 1924;

Whereas it is expedient to carry out the suggestions and recommendations made by the said commissioners and to otherwise amend the law respecting the Montreal Catholic School Commission;

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

7 Geo. V, c.
28, s. 5, re-
placed.

1. Section 5 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, as amended by the act 11 George V, chapter 49, section 5, is replaced by the following:

Central
board.

"5. The central board shall consist of seven members, two priests and five laymen, chosen from among the Roman Catholics.

Appoint-

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council and the Archbishop

of the archdiocese of Montreal shall respectively appoint two members of the central board. The city of Montreal shall appoint one and the Administration Commission of Montreal University shall also appoint one. The other member shall be appointed by the members of the district commissions in the manner hereinafter set forth. Such member must be a layman versed in educational matters and in pedagogical knowledge, and must not already form part of a district commission.

The manner of appointment provided for in this section shall come into force on the first of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.”

2. Section 11 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, is amended by adding thereto, after the second paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

“Such members must be versed in educational matters and in pedagogical knowledge.”

3. Sections 14 and 15 of that act 7 George V, chapter 28, are replaced by the following:

“14. The members of the central board and of the district commissions, appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Archbishop of the archdiocese of Montreal, the city of Montreal and the Administrative Commission of Montreal University shall be appointed before the 1st of June of the year in which the appointment is necessary.

“15. The member of the central board who is to be appointed by the district commissioners shall be appointed at a joint meeting of the members of the district commissions, which shall be held before the 15th of June of the year in which such an appointment is to be made.”

4. Paragraph 6 of section 24 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, as amended by the act 10 George V, chapter 39, section 4, is replaced by the following:

“6. To keep account of all the operations of the corporation, and to keep the necessary books and registers for the preparation of accounting or financial reports and for the compiling of school statistics, the whole in accordance with the forms fixed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.”

5. Section 27 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, as amended by the acts 10 George V, chapter 39, section 5, and 11 George V, chapter 49, section 6, is repealed.

6. Section 28 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, as 7 Geo. V, c.

28, s. 28, am. amended by the acts 10 George V, chapter 39, section 7, and 11 George V, chapter 49, section 7. is again amended by replacing paragraphs 9, 13 and 14 thereof by the following paragraphs:

Minutes of meetings. "9. To cause to be entered, in a register kept for that purpose, the minutes of its meetings, which shall be signed by the chairman and by the director-secretary of each commission, in accordance with the provisions of article 2707 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and to transmit to the secretary-general and treasurer of the central board, in the eight days following such meetings, a complete copy of such minutes certified by the director-secretary.

Selection of grounds for school sites. "13. To make any representations or suggestions to the central board regarding the selection of the necessary grounds for the school sites and residences, the building of its schoolhouses, residences and dependencies, the purchase of school furniture, the leasing temporarily or accepting free of charge the use of houses or other buildings fulfilling the conditions required by the regulations of the Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction for keeping schools therein.

Supervisors. "14. To associate with itself supervisors, permanently or temporarily, to assist in administering, repairing, heating and cleaning the schoolhouses, and keeping the moveable and immoveable property belonging to the corporation in good order under the direction of the central board."

7 Geo. V, c. 28, s. 28, § 19, repealed. **7.** Paragraph 19 of the section 28 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, is repealed.

7 Geo. V, c. 28, s. 28, § 10, replaced. **8.** Section 28 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, as amended by the acts 10 George V, chapter 39, section 7, and 11 George V, chapter 49, section 7, is again amended by replacing paragraph 10 thereof by the following:

Books of account. "10. To keep such books and registers of accounts as are prescribed by the central board and to send to the central board, in the manner and according to the forms determined by the latter, all reports, vouchers and information required for the keeping of accounts and compiling of the statistics."

7 Geo. V, c. 28, s. 29, replaced. **9.** Section 29 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, is replaced by the following:

Expenses. **"29.** The expenses to be incurred for the acquisition of lands, building of schoolhouses, repairs, purchase of school furniture and supplies, purchase of schoolhouses, improvements, erection of residences for the teaching staff, temporary leases of houses or buildings, and other expenses generally, shall be effected only by the central board.

A committee shall be formed, composed of four members of the central board and of a member of each of the district commissions, appointed at the first regular meeting held by these various bodies after the 1st of July next, 1925, and thereafter every two years at the same time and for a term of two years.

The general secretary and treasurer of the central board shall be the secretary of such joint committee.

The joint committee shall examine into the requests of the district commissions for the purchase of school furniture and supplies, fuel, minor articles of upkeep, and into all other matters which may be submitted to it by the central board to whom it shall report its findings and recommendations.

10. Section 35 of the act 7 George V, chapter 28, is replaced by the following:

"35. In order to obtain uniformity in the practice and methods of the four district commissions on questions within their competence, the central board, upon the recommendation of the joint committee, is authorized to pass the by-laws which it may deem expedient to secure such uniformity. Such by-laws shall be binding upon the four district commissions."

11. Section 5 of the act 63 Victoria, chapter 99, as amended by the act 2 George V, chapter 27, section 2, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"The members who form part of the joint committee shall be entitled to receive a double indemnity."

12. Between the date of the sanction of this act and the 30th of June, 1925, the four district commissions shall do nothing but the current administrative acts, all in accordance with the present by-laws and within the amounts granted by the central board.

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