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An Act respecting the education of non-Roman Catholic,
non-Protestant children of Montreal

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

Preamble.

WHEREAS since 1903, the population of non-Roman Catholic, non-Protestant children has increased very largely, and their education has become a heavy burden upon the resources of the Protestant School Board of the city of Montreal; and

Whereas it is recognized by Roman Catholics and Protestants alike that a remedy must be applied to the situation thus created;

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

School taxes by non-Catholic, non-Protestant ratepayers.

1. In the city of Montreal all non-Roman Catholic, non-Protestant ratepayers, exclusive of those professing the Jewish faith, shall pay their school taxes into the Neutral Panel at the rate fixed from time to time for the Protestant Panel.

Privilege of instruction by either Roman Catholic or Protestant system, subject to the payment of fees.

2. The children of the non-Roman Catholic, non-Protestant citizens of Montreal, exclusive of those professing the Jewish faith, shall have the privilege of instruction in the schools of either the Roman Catholic or the Protestant system which they may choose to attend, subject to the payment of the same fees, if any, as may be required of Roman Catholic or Protestant pupils, as the case may be.

Costs paid out of the funds of the Neutral Panel.

3. 1. The cost of educating the non-Roman Catholic and non-Protestant pupils in the schools of either system, exclusive of those professing the Jewish faith, shall be paid out of the funds of the Neutral Panel to the board educating them, as a charge thereon, and shall be reckoned at a *per capita* rate of sixty dollars on the total enrollment up to the thirtieth of April of the preceding school year.

The Protestant Board of School Commissioners to be paid out of the funds of the Neutral Panel.

2. The Protestant Board of School Commissioners shall be paid out of the funds of the Neutral Panel, as a charge thereon, the difference for each year between the amount paid into the Protestant Panel by Jewish proprietors and the cost (as calculated as aforesaid at sixty dollars *per capita*) of education of the Jewish children attending the schools of the Protestant Board.

Provisions

3. The provisions of paragraph 2 of this section shall not

apply from the date of the repeal of articles 3046 to 3051, not both inclusive, of the Revised Statutes, 1909. applicable.

4. Each of the boards must send to the treasurer of the city of Montreal, on or before the fifteenth of September of each year, a report, duly certified by the chairman and the secretary-treasurer of the board, and approved by resolution of that board, showing the total enrollment of the Jewish and other non-Roman Catholic, non-Protestant children up to the thirtieth of April of the preceding school year. Report sent to the treasurer of the city of Montreal.

5. The Neutral Panel tax, after deduction of the amounts payable to each board under section 3 of this act, shall be divided between the Roman Catholic School Commissioners and the Protestant School Board in the relative proportion of the Roman Catholic and Protestant population, persons professing the Jewish religion being excluded, notwithstanding the provisions of article 3049 of the Revised Statutes, 1909. Division of the Neutral Panel tax.

6. All sums payable to each board shall be paid in conformity with section 6 of the act 10 George V, chapter 39. How sums are paid.

7. From and after the first of January, 1923, the board of assessors of the city of Montreal shall indicate upon the valuation roll all proprietors of Jewish faith paying school taxes by putting the letter "J" opposite the entries of such proprietors. Indication in the valuation roll of Jewish proprietors.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the power to repeal, at any time, on and after the first of July, 1924, articles 3046 to 3051, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes, 1909, in so far as said articles apply to the city of Montreal, by order-in-council published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*. Power of the Lt.-Gov. in C. to repeal certain provisions.

9. Section 7 of this act shall come into force on the day of its sanction, and the other sections on the first day of May, 1923. Coming into force.