

CAP. XXII.

An Act to amend the law respecting Public Instruction.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The following paragraph is added after article 1864 of the Revised Statutes :

Par. added after R. S., art. 1864.

§ 3a. *Oaths and solemn declarations.*

"1864a. All oaths required by the laws respecting Public Instruction may be taken before the Superintendent, a justice of the peace or a commissioner appointed to receive affidavits."

Oaths before whom to be taken.

2. Article 1944 of the said Statutes is amended by adding thereto the following clause :

R. S., art. 1944, amended.

"The district magistrate for the district of Saguenay, who may be appointed to inspect the schools of his district, shall be exempt from such formalities."

Exception for district magistrate of Saguenay.

3. Article 1962 of the said Statutes is amended by substituting for the words : "at least eighteen years," at the end of paragraph 3, the following words : "of the age fixed by the Roman Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction for Roman Catholic candidates, and by the Protestant Committee for Protestant candidates."

R. S., art. 1962, amended.

4. Article 1974 of the said Statutes is amended by striking out the words : "during the month," in the second line, and replacing them by the words : "on the first Monday or any other juridical Monday of the month of July."

R. S., art. 1974, amended.

5. Article 1985 of the said Statutes, as amended by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 21, section 4, is amended by adding the following after the second paragraph :

R. S., art. 1985, amended.

"Such notice shall be served upon the chairman of the commissioners and upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before the first of May."

Service of notice.

6. Article 1986 of the said Statutes, as amended by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 21, section 5, is replaced by the following :

R. S., art. 1986, replaced.

"1986. When a notice of dissent is served in accordance with the previous article, the *status quo* is maintained until

Status quo maintained after notice.

until elections.

the date of the annual elections, and at that date the dissentients shall elect three school trustees, in the manner indicated by article 1997 and following."

R. S., art. 1987, replaced.

7. Article 1987 of the said Statutes, as amended by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 24, section 11, is replaced by the following articles :

Notice if dissentients become majority.

"1987. If, in any municipality, the rate-payers who belong to the religious denomination of the dissentients become the majority, they may signify in writing their intention of organizing themselves in consequence.

Notice how made and served.

Such notice, which may be according to form No. 1a, shall be made and signed in triplicate, and be served and deposited in the same manner as the notice of dissent.

Service upon chairman and Superintendent of Public Instruction. Status quo maintained after notice, until elections.

It shall also, like the notice of dissent, be served upon the chairman of the commissioners and upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before the first of May.

In such case, the *status quo* is maintained up to the month of July following, and at that date an election is held in the usual way for the election of five school commissioners, either for all the rate-payers, if the former majority, which has become the minority, has not declared itself dissentient in accordance with the following article, or for the majority alone, if the minority has declared itself dissentient.

Declaration of dissent by former majority.

"1987a. When the former dissentients have declared their intention of electing five commissioners, in accordance with the preceding article, the former majority, which has become the minority, may at once declare itself dissentient, by giving notice, in the usual manner, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the chairman of the trustees.

Notice how made and served.

The notice of dissent must, in such case, in order to have effect the same year, be served on or before the fifteenth of June, and may be according to form No. 1b.

Election of trustees when to be held. If notice not served before certain date.

In such case, in the month of July, the new dissentients elect their school trustees in the usual manner.

If the notice of dissent is not served before the fifteenth of June, the minority is governed by the school commissioners until it declares itself dissentient in the usual manner."

R. S., art. 2001, amended.

8. Article 2001 of the said Statutes is amended by replacing all the words after the word "trustees," in the fifth line, by the following: "a person appointed to that effect by a resolution of the commissioners or trustees, as the case may be, shall preside; such person may be one of the members of the school corporation who does not go out of office at that date.

If such appointment be not made or if the person appointed be absent or unable to act, the secretary shall *de jure* preside at the election."

9. Article 2004 of the said Statutes, as amended by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 24, section 13, is further amended by adding after the word : " except," in the first line of the second paragraph, the words : " those over sixty years of age and ".

R. S., art.
2004, amend-
ed.

10. Article 2010 of the said Statutes, as replaced by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 24, section 3, is amended by striking out the words : " or otherwise," in the third line.

R. S., art.
2010, amend-
ed.

11. The following paragraph is added to article 2032 of the said Statutes :

R. S., art.
2032, amend-
ed.

" 5. To insure the buildings belonging to the school corporation for at least half their value."

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buildings.

12. Article 2040 of the said Statutes is amended by replacing the words : " each half year of their engagement," in the fourth line, by the words : " each month of teaching ".

R. S., art.
2040, amend-
ed.

13. Article 2049 of the said Statutes is amended by replacing the words : " If it be necessary to purchase, build, rebuild, enlarge, repair or maintain one more school-houses in any district whatever," in the first three lines, by the following words : " If it be necessary to purchase or enlarge the site of a school-house, to build, rebuild, enlarge, repair or maintain one or more school-houses, and purchase, repair or maintain the school furniture or apparatus".

R. S., art.
2049, amend-
ed.

14. Article 2053 of the said Statutes is amended by striking out the words : " or furnished," in the second line of the second clause.

R. S., art.
2053, amend-
ed.

15. Article 2071 of the said Statutes, as replaced by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 24, section 22, is amended by adding after the word : " may," in the first line, the words : " be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the taxes, or ".

R. S., art.
2071, amend-
ed.

16. Article 2088 of the said Statutes is amended by adding the following paragraph :

R. S., art.
2088, amend-
ed.

" A copy of such security shall be sent to the Superintendent within the fifteen days following its execution."

Copy to be
sent to Super-
intendent and
when.

17. Article 2094a of the said Statutes, as enacted by the act 53 Victoria, chapter 27, section 8, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph :

R. S., art.
2094a, amend-
ed.

" Notice of such security shall be given to the Superintendent within the fifteen days following its execution."

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R. S., art. 2136, amended.

18. The following paragraph is added to article 2136 of the said Statutes :

Interest on taxes.

“ These taxes bear interest from the day upon which they become due.”

R. S., art. 2143, amended.

19. Article 2143 of the said Statutes is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph :

Levy of taxes upon property of corporations provided for, &c., in certain cases.

“ 3. When the immoveable property of corporations and incorporated companies are situate within a territory placed under the administration of two corporations of school commissioners established in virtue of article 1973, that one of the two corporations, which comprises the greatest number of rate-payers entered on the valuation roll, shall be bound to levy the taxes affecting such property, and to divide the same proportionately to the number of children in each of them.”

FORMS.

No. 1a.—NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF MAJORITY.

Province of Quebec,
Municipality of

To the chairman of the school commissioners of the municipality of , county of .

Sir,

We, the undersigned proprietors, tenants, occupants and rate-payers of the municipality of , in the county of , now under the control of the school trustees of the said municipality, have the honour to inform you, in virtue of article 1987 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, that we have become the majority, and that we therefore intend to organize ourselves and elect five school commissioners, for the administration of our schools, in the month of July next.

Given at , this day of , 189 .

No. 1b.—NOTICE TO WITHDRAW FROM CONTROL OF FUTURE COMMISSIONERS.

Province of Quebec,
Municipality of

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To the chairman of the school trustees of the municipality of _____, county of _____

Sir,

We, the undersigned, proprietors, tenants, occupants and rate-payers of the municipality of _____, in the county of _____, professing the _____ religion, have the honour to inform you, in virtue of article 1987a of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, that we do not intend to be governed by the school commissioners who shall be elected in July next and that we intend to elect three trustees to administer our schools.

Given at _____ this _____ day of _____ 189 .

CAP. XXIII.

An Act to incorporate the polytechnic school.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to consolidate and amend Preamble. chapter eight of title five of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, so as better to encourage the development and advancement of the polytechnic school ;

Whereas, to assure and guarantee to the said school, the exclusive benefit of everything that may be done or given in its favor, as well by the Government as others, it is expedient to create a corporation, which shall have absolute property in everything belonging to the said school ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The polytechnic school is incorporated under the name of "*La Corporation de l'École Polytechnique*," and the said corporation shall be composed :

1. Of the present principal and professors of the polytechnic school, and of all persons who shall, in future, become professors in the said school, in the manner provided by this act for the nomination of the principal and the professors ;

School incorporated name and composition of corporation.