

CAP. XV.

An Act to further amend the "Quebec Election Act," (38 Vict., chap. 7.)

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

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

1. Section 41 of the "Quebec Election Act," as replaced by S. 41, 38 Vict., section 6 of chap. 13, of the act 39 Victoria, is again replaced chap. 7, as re- placed by S. 6, chap. 13, 39 Vict., further replaced. by the following :

"41. Any elector of the electoral division may appeal from any decision of the council, confirming, correcting or amending the list, to the judge of the Superior Court of the district, within fifteen days following such decision, by means of a petition, in which are briefly set forth the reasons of appeal."

2. The present act shall come into force on the day of Act in force. its sanction.

CAP. XVI.

An Act to further amend the laws of Public Instruction in this Province, relating to the Book Depository.

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

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

1. Section 23 of chapter 7 of the Statutes of Quebec, 41 S. 23, 41 Vict., Victoria, passed in 1878, providing for the maintenance of a book depository, and the supplying, through such depository, of school municipalities, schools, educational establishments, teachers, clergymen, book-sellers and others, is hereby repealed. chap. 6, re- pealed.

2. The passing of this act shall not have the effect of S. 29 and 30 of reviving sections 29 and 30 of the act 40 Victoria, chapter 22, which continue repealed. 40 Vict., chap. 22, remain repealed.

3. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of educa- Winding up of tion to proceed, without delay, to the winding up of the book deposit- said depository, so as to derive the greatest possible benefit ory. therefrom for the Province.

Sale of balance of stock in six months.

4. At the expiration of six months, from the passing of this act, the superintendent shall sell by public auction, all the remainder of the stock in trade of the said depository, so as to finally close its business transactions.

Time may be extended by Lieutenant Governor.

5. Nevertheless, if it is apparent that the winding up or immediate sale of such stock in trade of the said depository would necessitate a considerable sacrifice, which might be avoided by delaying, for six months or a year, such sale or winding up, the Lieutenant Governor may, by order in council, enlarge the delay fixed for the sale or winding up of the said depository, to six months or a year.

Reserve for gratuitous distribution by Lieutenant Governor.

6. The Lieutenant Governor may also, by order in council, order that such portion of the books and school supplies as he may deem proper, not exceeding the value of two thousand dollars, be set apart and reserved for gratuitous distribution, by the superintendent of education to the poorer school municipalities, or charitable institutions in which children are taught, or to be given as prizes in schools or as an encouragement to teachers.

Lieutenant Governor may exempt certain articles from sale.

7. The Lieutenant Governor may also, by order in council, exempt from such sale and liquidation, all articles such as atlases, maps, globes, models, books, samples or other articles, which it would be in the interest of education to preserve, in order to form the nucleus of a museum, and such articles shall remain under the control of the superintendent of education.

Revision of list of books approved.

8. After the coming into force of this act, the Council of Public Instruction, that is to say, the Catholic or the Protestant Committee of such Council, as the case may be, shall, before the first day of May, 1881, revise the list of text books, maps, globes, models or other articles which it has approved up to the present date.

Works to be entered upon list are then to be used in schools.

9. Upon such list there shall only be entered one work upon every subject taught, or two in case one is elementary and the other more complete for advanced classes, and no other work or book shall be used in the schools.

List to be revised every 4 years after 1st revision.

10. Such list of approved books shall only be revised once in every four years, and any school book excluded therefrom, shall not be withdrawn as a text-book, until after one year from the revision of such list, and the new books approved shall not be sold until after one year from the same date.

11. The superintendent shall retain the grant of any municipality which, after the 1st day of September, 1882, shall allow books not entered on the list so revised, to be used in its schools.

Grant to be retained by superintendent in certain cases.

12. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, all books and all the works, entered on such list, shall become the property of the Council of Public Instruction, in consideration of an indemnity to the proprietors thereof, which shall be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and, if there be any contestation as to the amount of such indemnity, such contestation shall be referred to three arbitrators appointed, one by the superintendent, another by the owner of the work, and the third by the two first arbitrators, and the award of such arbitrators shall be final.

Books on list property of council of public instruction, on certain conditions.

13. Every person shall have the right to print, publish and sell the works entered on the said list, by paying, every five years to the superintendent, a sum of ten dollars for each work, which shall be the property of the council of public instruction, under section 12 of this act, and when he has paid such sum, he shall have free access to the work, to copy the same, if necessary, in the Department of Public Instruction, and if the work be printed, the superintendent shall deliver a copy thereof to any person who wishes to print it.

Right of publication and sale of books on list.

14. The form, paper, type, binding and the mechanical execution of such books shall be determined by the superintendent.

Form, &c., of such books, determined by superintendent.

15. The Council of Public Instruction, in case any abuse arises from a combination of booksellers to raise the price of such class-books, may fix a maximum price beyond which such works cannot be sold.

Coalition between booksellers to raise prices.

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

Act in force.

CAP. XVII.

An Act to render the law respecting the cadastre more effective, as regards registry offices and their inspection.

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