

may deem expedient relative to the general government thereof, their places of residence, classification, rank and particular service, their distribution and inspection, and may, at any time, suspend, dismiss, or replace them or any of them.

Secs. 33 & 34 of same act repealed.

11. The thirty-third and thirty-fourth sections of The Gold Mining Act are repealed.

Sec. 26 of same act amended.

12. The twenty-sixth section of The Gold Mining Act is amended, by adding at the end thereof—" And if the mill be owned by any incorporated or other company, the manager, agent or representative of such company shall be bound to perform all the requirements of the said section as hereby amended, and shall be liable to and shall incur the penalty or penalties thereby imposed, as though such manager, agent or representative were individually and personally the mill-owner.

Who may be witnesses.

13. No person shall be incompetent to give evidence in any proceeding under this act or the acts hereby amended, on account or by reason of interest therein.

English version of s. 9 of same act amended.

14. Whereas a variance exists between the French and English versions of the ninth section of The Gold Mining Act, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria, chapter nine, the words " of such lands" in the English version of the said section are struck out.

General repeal.

15. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Short title.

16. This act may be known and cited as "The Gold Mining Amendment Act of 1868."

C A P . X X I I .

An act to provide more effectually for the Support of Schools in certain cases, and for other objects therein mentioned.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

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

Sums to be contributed in future by Quebec and Montreal.

1. The corporations of the cities of Quebec and Montreal shall for the future pay annually, to the boards of catholic school commissioners and protestant school commissioners of the said cities, a sum equal to three times that which they would be entitled to receive from the superintendent of education, if section one hundred and thirty-three, of chapter fifteen, of the consolidated statutes for Lower-Canada, was repealed.

C. S. L. C., c. 15, s. 133.

School commissioners in said cities may apply

2. The school commissioners of the said cities, with the approval of the superintendent of education, may set aside

annually a portion of their revenues, not exceeding one fourth thereof, for the construction of school-houses and opening of schools.

part of their funds to building school-houses, &c.

3. If the said corporations deem it expedient, they may levy a special rate on real estate or on whatever is liable to taxation and assessment, under the acts of incorporation of the said cities and their amendments, or the acts which shall amend them, for the payment of the sum which they are bound to pay to the said school commissioners, or for a part thereof; but their default to levy the said tax, or a part thereof, shall in no manner exempt the said corporations, from the payment of the said sums; and the said tax shall be assessed, imposed and levied, in the same manner as the annual assessment in the said cities for municipal purposes; and if it has not been imposed and assessed at the same time as the annual assessment, it may be imposed at any time during the year; and every provision in section one hundred and thirty-one of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower-Canada, contrary to the foregoing, is repealed.

Corporations of said cities may levy a special tax to meet the sum payable to the commissioners.

Omission to levy shall not exempt from payment.

Sec. 131 of said act partially repealed.

4. Section sixty-four of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower-Canada, is amended, by substituting in subsection seven of the said section, for the words "one thousand dollars" the words "three thousand dollars," and for the words "five hundred dollars," the words "sixteen hundred dollars."

Sec. 64 of said act amended.

5. The commissioners and trustees of schools, in every school municipality, may impose with the approval of the superintendent of education, a special rate for the payment of debts contracted by the said commissioners or trustees, before the passing of this act, for the construction of school-houses, above the amount permitted by the law then in force; and no one shall set up against the recovery of such special rate, any judgment setting aside a prior assessment, either because it exceeded the amount permitted by law, or by reason of any informality; and the amount of every such special assessment may also include the costs incurred by municipalities for suits undertaken in virtue of prior assessments, provided that the total amount does not exceed that fixed by the present act.

Commissioners and trustees may levy a special rate for the payment of debts already incurred for school-houses. And recover the amount notwithstanding certain objections.

6. The principal of every normal school, before the admission of any pupil into such school, shall make him sign, in presence of two witnesses, a document or obligation, by which he shall bind himself to pay his board therein, or if he is a bursar, to refund in certain cases the amount of his bursary, and to pay such sum as shall be required, according to the conditions, which shall, from time to time, be fixed by the lieutenant-governor in council; and every father, tutor, guardian or friend, may sign such document and bind himself, either in such quality or personally, for the payment of all sums exigible under the said conditions; and the principal of every normal school may sue in any court of justice, for the recovery of all sums due under every such obligation, and

Conditions imposed upon admission to normal schools.

Principal of such schools may recover in his name.

Account to be rendered to superintendent.

shall be solely designated in such suit by the words "the principal of the normal school of.....," adding thereto the name of the school; and he shall account to the superintendent of education for all sums collected in virtue of this section, and this section shall apply to the recovery of any sum now due to normal schools under regulations now in force.

C A P . X X I I I .

An act respecting Inspectors of Prisons, Hospitals, and other Institutions.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

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

Lieut.-gov. may appoint three persons to inspect prisons, &c.

1. The lieutenant-governor in council may appoint fit persons, not more than three in number, to be inspectors of prisons, hospitals and other institutions, under the provisions of this act, and appoint one of such persons to be their chairman, and the said inspectors shall hold office during pleasure.

Place of meetings.

2. The said inspectors shall hold their meetings as a board, at such place as may from time to time be appointed by the lieutenant-governor; the chairman shall preside at such board, and the chairman and any one inspector shall constitute a quorum at their meetings for all purposes whatsoever.

Who shall preside.

3. The chairman at such board shall have a right to vote as an inspector, and in case of an equality of votes, shall have also a casting vote, and he shall keep a regular minute of the proceedings of each meeting and sign the same.

Chairman's right to vote.

4. In case of the absence of the chairman, any one of the inspectors may be appointed by the lieutenant-governor to act in his stead during such absence.

Absence of chairman.

Duties of inspectors.

5. The said inspectors shall visit and inspect, either singly or together as may be determined upon by them, or as may be ordered by the lieutenant-governor, every gaol, house of correction, and prison or place kept or used for the confinement of persons, in any part of this province, as often as may be determined upon by them or ordered by the lieutenant-governor, and at least twice in the year; and the said inspector or inspectors may examine any person holding any office or receiving any salary or emolument in any such place of confinement as aforesaid, and call for and inspect all books and papers relating to such place of confinement, and may enquire into all matters concerning such place of confinement; and every inspector singly making an inspection as aforesaid shall make a separate and distinct report, in writing, to the board of inspectors, of the state of every place of confinement visited by him.