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## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

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AN ACT to provide for Roman Catholic Schools.

Title.

WHEREAS the Roman Catholics of New Zealand have established and are maintaining primary schools throughout the colony for the purpose of giving education to Roman Catholic youth, and it is meet that the conscientious convictions of Roman Catholics in regard to education should be respected, and that their schools should be recognised by the State in so far as they give secular education: And whereas they contribute equally to the taxation by which State schools are supported, and the attendance at the State schools in large centres of population is considerably diminished by the number of children attending Roman Catholic schools, whereby the cost to the State of primary education is lessened, and it is just and right that such Roman Catholic schools should receive a capitation allowance for children attending thereat:

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Roman Catholic Schools Act, 1888.”

Short Title.

2. Every Roman Catholic school which is conducted in accordance with the provisions of “The Education Act, 1877,” and the regulations framed thereunder, in respect of the qualifications of teachers, the course of instruction, attendance at school, and inspection by an Inspector of the Board of Education, shall be deemed to be a public school within the meaning of the said Act.

Conditions under which schools will be recognised.

3. Every such school shall be entitled to receive a capitation allowance equal to *two-thirds* of the allowance granted to public schools established under the said Act: Provided that no such school shall be entitled to a share in such funds unless the average number of pupils attending the same be *fifty* or more.

Capitation allowance.