

ORDER IN COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER

No. 1955

PRESENT :

The Lieutenant Governor in Council

CONCERNING an inquiry into the real estate transactions of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal

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WHEREAS under instructions of the ministers of Municipal Affairs and of Youth an investigation was made by Kenneth G. Mackay into the real estate transactions of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and its local boards during the past ten years;

WHEREAS the report of this investigation indicates that in some nine cases the price paid for a school site was excessive or the procedure was questionable or the site was unsatisfactory or there is evidence of negligence or irregularity during this period;

WHEREAS under these circumstances it is necessary that full inquiry be made into the matter by a commissioner with full power to summon witnesses, question them under oath and require the production of documents.

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT a Commission of inquiry be appointed under the Public Inquiry Commission Act (R.S.Q., 1941, chap. 9) to investigate the real estate transactions of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and the school boards under its control during the past ten calendar years;

THAT this Commission be also instructed to investigate any other question that may be subsequently specified by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council respecting the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal or any school board under its control;

THAT Honourable Justice Arthur I. Smith be appointed commissioner to hold this inquiry and that Mr. Hervé Beilaid be appointed secretary of this Commission;

THAT this Commission be instructed to make its report within six months from this date or such other delay as may subsequently be fixed and that the limit of the expenditure be set at \$30,000.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1963.

*Rene Comtois*

*Jean Langlois*

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR