

equality of votes, shall give the casting vote, but he shall have no vote except as chairman.

*Mode of recording votes at School Meetings.*

11. The chairman shall take the votes in the manner desired by a majority of the electors present, but he shall at the request of any *two* electors, grant a poll for recording the names of the voters by the secretary.

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*Copy of proceedings to be sent to the Local Superintendent.\**

14. A correct copy of the proceedings of such first and of every annual and of every special school section meeting, signed by the chairman and secretary, shall be forthwith transmitted by the [chairman] to the local superintendent of schools.†

*A School Trustee to be annually elected in each Section.*

15. A trustee shall be elected to office at each ensuing annual school meeting, in place of the one whose term of office is about to expire : and the same individual, if willing, may be re-elected ; but no school trustee shall be re-elected, except by his own consent, during the four years next after his going out of office.

*Mode of Proceeding at Annual Meeting.*

16. At every annual school section meeting in any township, as authorized and required to be held by the *third* section of this Act the [resident assessed] freeholders and householders of such section present at such meeting, or a majority of them—

*Appointment of Chairman and Secretary.*

(1) Shall elect a chairman and secretary, who shall perform the duties required of the chairman and secretary, by the *tenth* and *eleventh* sections of this Act [and also by the *nineteenth* section of the School Act of 1860.

*Trustees' Financial Report to be submitted.*

(2) Shall receive and decide upon the report of the trustees, as required by the *twenty-first* clause of the *twenty-seventh* section of this Act.

*Annual election of School Trustees.*

(3) Shall elect a [resident assessed] trustee or trustees, to fill up the vacancy or vacancies in the trustee corporation;‡ and

\* A report in the following form should be sent to the local superintendent :

\_\_\_\_\_, 186-. [— Post Office.]

SIR,—In conformity with the *fourteenth* section of the Upper Canada Consolidated Common School Act, we have the honour to inform you, that, at a meeting of the [resident assessed] freeholders and householders of School Section No. —, in the Township of \_\_\_\_\_, held according to law, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, [Here insert the name or names or address of the person or persons elected] — chosen School [Trustee or Trustees] of said Section. The other business transacted at the meeting, of which due notice was given, was as follows :—[Here insert it.]

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

To the Local Superintendent of Schools \_\_\_\_\_

For the County or Township of \_\_\_\_\_

D. E., Chairman.

F. A., Secretary.

NOTE.—The Trustees elected must be resident assessed freeholders or householders in the Section for which they are elected.

The *twenty-fifth* section of this Act authorizes Local Superintendents to investigate School Election complaints within *twenty* days after the Election.

† The School Act of 1860 further enacts, that : [19. Any chairman who neglects to transmit to the local superintendent a copy of the proceedings of an annual or other school section meeting over which he may preside, within *ten* days after the holding of such meeting, shall be liable, on the complaint of any rate-payer, to a fine of not more than *five* dollars, to be recovered as provided in the *one hundred and fortieth* section of the Upper Canada [Consolidated] Common School Act aforesaid.]

NOTE.—The omission on the part of the chairman to transmit this notice, does not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting itself, but it renders him liable to a fine for neglect of duty.

‡ See *eighteenth* section of the School Act of 1860, and the *twenty-fourth* section of this Act.

To decide on manner of supporting the school for the year.\*

(4) Shall decide upon the manner in which the salaries of the teacher or teachers, and all other expenses connected with the operation of the school or schools, shall be provided for.

*Auditors' Report to be received.*

[(5) The *eightth* section of the School Act of 1860 also provides that the meeting shall receive the report of the auditors of school section accounts for the previous year, and dispose of the same.]

*School Section Auditor to be appointed.*

[(6) Shall appoint an auditor of the school accounts of the section for the current year.

[The *seventeenth* section has been superseded by the *third* section of the School Act of 1860, as follows :]

[Who are legal Voters at School Meetings.

[3. The *seventeenth* section of the Upper Canada Common School Act, *sixty-fourth* chapter of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, shall be amended so as to read as follows :— No person shall be entitled to vote in any School section for the election of Trustee or on any School question whatsoever, unless he shall have been assessed and shall have paid School rates as a freeholder or householder in such section : and in case an objection be made to the right of any person to vote in a School section, the chairman or presiding officer at the meeting shall, at the request of any rate payer, require the person whose right of voting is objected to, to make the following declaration :

[Form of Declaration required from School Electors.

“ I do declare and affirm that I have been rated on the assessment roll of this School section as a freeholder (or householder, “ as the case may be) and that I have paid a public School tax “ due by me in this School section imposed within the last “ *twelve* months, and that I am legally qualified to vote at this “ meeting.”

[Penalty for making a false declaration.

[Whereupon the person making such declaration shall be permitted to vote on all questions proposed at such meeting ; but if any person refuses to make such declaration his vote shall be rejected ; And if any person wilfully makes a false declaration of his right to vote, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, upon the complaint of any person, shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment in the manner provided for in the [following *eighteenth* and the *one hundred and fortieth* section of the] said Upper Canada [Consolidated] Common School Act.

18. If any person wilfully makes a false declaration of his right to vote, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punishable by fine or imprisonment, at the discretion of the

\* It belongs to the office of Trustees to estimate and determine the amount of the teacher's salary and all expenses connected with the school ; but it appertains to the majority of the resident assessed freeholders and householders of each School Section, at a public meeting called for the purpose, to decide, as authorized by the *one hundred and twenty-fifth* section of this Act, as to the manner in which such expenses shall be provided for, whether (1) by voluntary subscription ; (2) rate-bill, in advance, of twenty-five cents (or less) per calendar month, on each pupil attending the school ; (3) rate on property. But as the Trustees alone, as authorized by the fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, and twelfth clauses of the *twenty-seventh* section, determine the amount required for the support of the school, which they are required to keep open at least six months of the year, they are authorized by the tenth clause of the same section, to provide the balance, including all deficiencies, by a rate upon the property of the section, should the vote of the annual meeting not cover all the expenses of the school (over and above the cheques for the School Fund,) or should the annual meeting omit or refuse to provide a sufficient sum. But for all the money received and expended by them, the Trustees must account annually to the School Section auditors, as prescribed in the *eightth* section of the School Act of 1860.