

such council at or before its meeting in *August* of the year in which such application is made.

Council may establish Libraries.

37. Each township council may levy such sums as it judges expedient for purchasing books for a township library, under such regulations as may be provided in that behalf;*

Council may establish, and be Trustees of, Model School,

and for procuring the site, and for the erection and support of a township model school; and in such event the members of such township council shall be the trustees of such model school, and shall possess the powers of public school trustees in respect to all matters affecting such model school.

Common Schools may be united with Township Model School.

38. The trustees of any one or more public schools may at their discretion, and with the consent of such council, merge their schools into such model school; and tuition to student teachers in such model school shall be free.

Council to form new School Sections.

39. Each township council shall form portions of the township where no schools have been established into school sections; and shall appoint a person in each new school section to call the first school section meeting; and shall cause such person to be notified in the manner prescribed in the *seventh* section of this Act.

Size and formation of Public School Sections in Townships.

[39]. The School Law Improvement Act of 1871 provides that:—15. No School section shall be formed after the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, which shall contain less than fifty resident children, between the ages of five and sixteen years, unless the area of such section shall contain more than four square miles.]

[39]. Appeal from the Township to the County Council:—16. The majority of the trustees, or any five rate-payers of a school section, shall have the right of appeal or complaint to their county council against any by-law or resolution which has been passed, or may be passed, by the township council for the formation or alteration of their school section; and it may and shall be lawful for such county council to appoint a committee of not more than five, or less than three competent persons (two of whom shall be the County Judge and a County Inspector, and the majority of whom shall form a quorum,) to investigate the matter of such appeal or complaint, and confirm or disallow the by-law or resolution complained of; and on the representation and petition of the majority of the trustees, or rate-payers, of two or more school sections in a township, present at special meetings called for that purpose, the county council shall have authority to appoint a committee of not less than five competent persons (two of whom shall be the County Judge and a County Inspector, and a majority of whom shall form a quorum,) to revise and alter the boundaries of the school sections of such township, so far as to settle the matters complained of; Provided always, that no person shall be competent to act on either of the committees mentioned in this clause of this Act, who was a member of the township council that passed the by-law or resolution complained of; And provided also, that the alterations made in the boundaries of any school section by such committee, shall not take effect before the end of the year during which they shall be made, and of which alterations due notice shall be given by the Inspector to the clerk of the township and to the trustees of the school sections concerned.]

[39]. The School Law Amendment Act of 1860 further enacts:—20. Trustees shall not be liable to any prosecution, or the payment of any damages, for acting under any by-law of a municipal council before it has been quashed.]

Alteration of existing sections; Notice to be given.

40. In case it clearly appears that all parties to be affected by a proposed alteration in the boundaries of a school section have been duly notified of the intended step or application, the township council may alter such boundaries.

Alteration to take effect 25th December.

But no such alteration in the boundaries of a school section shall

* One hundred per cent. is added by the Chief Superintendent of Education on all the local appropriations for library and prize books, maps and apparatus. See departmental notices appended,

take effect before the *twenty-fifth* day of *December* next after the alteration has been made.

Union of existing sections; Meetings to be called.

41. In case at a public meeting of each of two or more sections called by the trustees for that purpose, a majority of the assessed freeholders and householders of each of the sections to be affected, request to be united, then the council shall unite such school sections into one.

First Election in such United Sections.

42. The first election in such united section shall be appointed and held in the same manner as is provided for in the *seventh* to the *twelfth* sections of this Act, in respect to a new school section.

Share of School Fund not affected.

43. The several parts of any altered or united school sections shall have respectively the same right to a share of the public school fund for the year of the alteration or union, as if they had not been altered or united.

Disposal of School Property when not wanted.

44. In case a school site, or school house, or other school property be no longer required, in consequence of the alteration or the union of school sections, the same shall be disposed of by sale or otherwise, in such manner as a majority of the assessed freeholders and householders in the altered or united school sections decide at a public meeting called for that purpose;

Separated part to share in proceeds.

And the inhabitants transferred from one school section to another, shall be entitled, for the public school purposes of the section to which they are attached, to such a proportion of the proceeds of the sale of such school house or other public school property [after paying the current year's debts of the old section], as the assessed value of their property bears to that of the other inhabitants of the school section from which they have been so separated; and the residue of such proceeds shall be applied to the erection of a new school house, or to other public school purposes of such altered or united sections.

[The forty-fifth and forty-sixth sections of this Act have been superseded by the fifth section of the School Law Amendment Act of 1860, as follows:—]

Formation and alteration of Union School Sections.

45. [5. The forty-fifth and forty-sixth sections of the said Ontario Consolidated Public School Act, shall be amended so as to read as follows:—“Under the conditions prescribed in the *fortieth* section in respect to alterations of other school sections, union school sections, consisting of parts of two or more townships or parts of a township and any town or incorporated village, may be formed and altered by the reeves and County Inspector, or inspectors of the townships out of parts of which such sections are proposed to be formed, or in the case of a union section of parts of a township or townships and a town or incorporated village, by the reeve and county inspector of the township; and [by two representatives of] the board of public school trustees of the town or village, at a meeting appointed for that purpose by any two of such reeves, or by the public school board of such town or village, of which meeting the other parties authorized to act with them shall be duly notified.

Formation and Alteration of Union Sections—Inspector's Duty—Assessment.

[45]. The School Law Improvement Act of 1871 also provides that:—18. On the formation or alteration of a union school section or division, under the authority of the fifth section of the School Law Amendment Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, it shall be the duty of the County Inspector concerned, forthwith to transmit a copy of the resolution, by which the formation or alteration was made, to the clerk of the municipality affected by such resolution; Provided also, that it shall be competent for any County Inspector to call a meeting of the parties authorized to form and alter union school sections, and it shall be lawful for, and be the duty of the reeves of the township, out of which the section is formed, with the County Inspector, to equalize the assessment.