

such schoolhouse may be used as a place of public worship, or for other lawful public meeting, with the consent of the trustees as aforesaid, and at such time as they may appoint; provided always, that in no case shall it interfere with the duties of such licensed teacher, under this Act; and provided further, that the Board of Education shall have full power to prevent any such public schoolhouse being used at any time during the regular school hours in each day for any other purpose, or by any other person than such licensed teacher as aforesaid for teaching a public school therein, under this Act.

XXIV. No schoolmaster or teacher shall be entitled to any allowance by virtue of this Act, except teachers mentioned in the sections hereof, unless the inhabitants of his school district shall have first provided a sufficient schoolhouse, to be exclusively used for that purpose, (except as hereinafter provided for), and also that there shall have been at the least forty children between the ages of five and sixteen years, resident within his school district for the six months immediately preceding the period of his claiming his allowance, and that the average daily attendance of scholars during the said six months shall not have been less than eighteen; provided always, that this enactment shall not extend to school districts already registered, or hereafter to be registered, under this Act, in which there shall not be the number of forty scholars within the aforesaid ages residing, if the daily average attendance of such children at the schools therein amount to eighteen.

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Proviso.

XXV. And whereas there are certain settlements in this Island, not included within the limits of school districts heretofore established, and where the requisite number of forty children within the ages of five and sixteen years cannot be found within one and a half mile of a central part, then, and in every such case, on a written requisition made by the inhabitants thereof to the visitor of schools, it shall be the duty of the said visitor to make inquiry into the circumstances of such application, and as to the number of children within the ages aforesaid within the said limit; and the said visitor shall make a report in writing to the Board of Education, who, having duly considered the circumstances of the case, may, if they shall think proper so to do, and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, authorize the erection of such settlement into a minor school district; and the registration thereof as such, and building committees and trustees may thereupon be appointed for such minor district in the same manner as in other cases; and such trustees may be annually elected, and shall have the same power as trustees in those districts where the requisite

Settlement where 40 scholars cannot be found.

Visitor to report to Board of Education, who may authorize minor school district.

School district to be constituted as in other districts.