

PART I

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

CHAPTER I.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

a. Organization.

A Rural Municipality in Saskatchewan is a body corporate created by the Legislative Assembly of the Province, with certain delegated rights therefrom, for the purpose of Local Self Government, as outlined in the Rural Municipality Act, with power to form out of itself a local governing body, in which is vested the means of government for the community contained within its boundaries, subject always to the control of the Department of Municipal Affairs and of the Rural Municipality Act.

This local governing body, called the rural municipal council, is constituted of one elected representative from each of the six units, otherwise "Divisions" comprising the municipality, who are known as the Councillors, and one elected representative of the municipality at large known as the Reeve, who is chairman of the Council and Chief executive officer of the municipality. The Reeve is elected annually, and three members of the Council annually, each for two years.

This book need not deal with the means to be taken to elect the Council, but one of its most important functions will be to set forth what Councils may or may not do in the matter of dealing with the finances with which they are entrusted, and later on to enumerate, as far as possible, the duties of the permanent officials to whom the Council deposes their care.

Note—Wherever herein "the Act" occurs, reference is made to the Rural Municipality Act, Saskatchewan.