

B. G.—1. A party wishing to leave a public school and join a separate school, is it sufficient to notify the clerk of the township he not notifying the council?

2. What action ought the council take if trustees of a public school object, there being no separate school in the municipality?

3. The party who wishes to leave the school, the same being built on his property, there being a doubt as to distance from separate school?

1. Sec. 40 of the Separate Schools' Act enacts that the simple notice in writing given to the clerk of the municipality that the party giving the notice is a Roman Catholic and a supporter of a separate school situated in the municipality or in a municipality contiguous thereto, is sufficient to exempt such from the payment of all rates imposed for the support of the public schools, as mentioned in said section. Sec. 44 enacts, subject to the exception therein mentioned, that no person shall be deemed a supporter of a separate school unless he resides within three miles (in a direct line) of the site of the school house.

2. We do not see that the council is called on to take any action in the matter. If there is a separate school outside the municipality within the limit prescribed by the Act, if the party has taken the necessary steps he can become a supporter of such separate school.

3. This question we do not understand, will our correspondent please express himself more clearly in a future issue.

CLERK.—A clerk has no appeals to the court of revision, so there cannot be any to the judge. Can he therefore, at once get out his voters' list, or must he wait until after July 5th?

On the day appointed for holding a court of revision, although the clerk has received no appeals, a court must be held. The court has the authority to extend the time for entering an appeal if palpable errors are discovered in the roll. If the court at the first meeting pass the roll as finally revised, the clerk is justified in at once placing the voters' lists in the printer's hands.

Publications Received.

The Educational System of Ontario, by J. Millar, B. A., Deputy Minister of Education.

This is a very complete description of our educational institutions, illustrated with full page engravings of the universities, collegiate institutes and high schools and other educational institutions throughout the Province.

The Report of the Ontario Drainage Commission

It contains the substance of a very large amount of evidence taken by this commission under instructions from the local government, together with recommendations for the improvements of our drainage laws, which we believe have already been considered and made the subject of a bill introduced by Mr. Hardy to consolidate the drainage laws, and amend the Drainage and Watercourses Act.

Minutes, By-Laws and Auditors' Report, Township of Beverley, W. McDonald Clerk.

In addition to being one of the few local municipalities to publish copies of the minutes, reports of committees and by-laws, this progressive township has the accounts of its treasurer audited every six months at a cost of \$24.

Auditors' Reports.

Village of Streetsville, W. J. Pinney, Treasurer.

Village of Tilbury Centre, A. A. Wilson, Treasurer.

Township of Charlotteville, H. W. Mabee, Treasurer.

Township of Gordon, J. Cain, Treasurer.

Municipal By-Laws, Statutory References and Forms, by A. L. Wilson, M. A., 96 pp. \$2.00.

This is a neatly printed pamphlet, containing forms of by-laws most frequently required to be passed by municipal councils, together with a few forms provided for in the Municipal Act. Although published some time ago, the work will be found useful to many clerks, who, when called upon to prepare by-laws, are often at a loss to word them correctly, and sometimes overlook important particulars that the by-laws in this book might suggest.

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