

PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES' DEPARTMENT.

TOWNSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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School Assessment, Section 109, Page 142.

"The Municipal Council of every Township shall levy and collect by assessment, upon the taxable property of the Public School supporters of the whole township, in the manner provided by this Act, and by the Municipal and Assessment Acts, the sum of \$100 at least for every Public School therein, in which a Public School has been kept open the whole year exclusive of vacations. Where the Public School has been kept open for six months or over a proportionate amount of the said sum of \$100 at least shall be levied and collected by assessment upon the taxable property of the whole township. An additional sum of \$50 at least shall be levied and collected in a similar manner for every assistant teacher engaged for the whole year, and a proportionate amount if such assistant teacher is engaged for six months or over."

The question to be considered in this paper is one submitted by the Public School Department of this Association to this Department, namely, the advisability of having the Township Grant mentioned in the 109th Section of the Public Schools Act raised from \$100 to \$200 for each school section.

There are many Township Councillors who discover, with much regret, that as townships become older, and as their population and wealth increases, the people demand that roads should be improved, that bridges and dangerous places on roads shall be made safer, and that the Public Schools shall be better equipped with educational appliances, and shall be taught by more experienced and better qualified teachers, and that these improvements for the common good shall be paid by the whole township irrespective of the locality in which these improvements are desired.