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ST. THOMAS, APRIL 1, 1902.

Dr. James Wood has been appointed treasurer of the town of Sarnia, in the place of Mr. J. B. Barrie, deceased.

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The council of Gravenhurst is submitting a by-law to the electors for their assent, providing for the raising of the sum necessary to buy out the electric plant now in operation in that town.

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The ratepayers of the village of Bridgeburg have, by a majority of twenty-six, signified their assent to the passing of a by-law providing for the raising of \$32,000 to construct a system of water-works in that village.

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At a special session of the county council of Essex, held last month, Mr. Henry Morand, the county treasurer, was dismissed, and Mr. George A. Wintermute, of the township of Maidstone, was appointed to the office in his stead.

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After a service extending over forty-five years, as clerk of the municipality of Preston, Mr. W. A. Husband had voluntarily retired from the position. The kindly old gentleman has earned the respect and good-will of his fellow-citizens by the exercise, in his public work, of qualities sufficient in themselves to make him the subject of eulogy. His stewardship has been a most remarkable one in length, and a most satisfactory one to the municipality, which saw in him a faithful, earnest, well-read and thoroughly posted clerk. Very few men in that part of the county have served their municipality so faithfully and well as Mr. Husband, and to say that he carries into private life the respect of the entire community is to tell the bald truth.—Ex.

School Law Amendments.

Notwithstanding the consolidation and revision of the School Laws last year the amendments adopted at the recent session of the legislature are more numerous than usual,

The High Schools Act Amendments refer to the maintenance of county pupils and additional grants, which, in future, may be made to any school on a two-thirds vote of the county council. High school trustees are authorized to award scholarships and make grants to encourage athletics. The Public Schools Act Amendments provide that trustees may, when authorized by the ratepayers, pay for the conveyance of pupils to schools in cities, towns and villages.

That trustees in urban municipalities may be elected in accordance with the ward system is made clear.

That manual training and domestic science classes may be formed and money borrowed on debentures for repairs or improvements to school property.

The Separate Schools Act Amendments provide for continuation classes and grants and for the disposition of school property when not required in urban municipalities.

An Act to Amend the High Schools Act.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 7 of section 34 of *The High Schools Act*, is amended by striking out the word "may" in the fourth line of the said subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall."

MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY PUPILS AND AID TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

2. The said section 34 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsections:

(8) In adjusting the liability of the county for the maintenance of county pupils in attendance at any high school situate in any town separated from the county, the county council (or in case of disagreement, the county judge) shall deduct from the amount for which the county is liable for maintenance in such cases, such amount as the municipality so separated from the county, would have paid towards such grant had such municipality formed part of the county.

(9) Subject to the deduction provided for in subsection 8 of this section, when the trustees of any high school in a village, town or city adjacent to a county or in a town separated from a county, have notified the county clerk that such high school is open to non-resident and to county pupils on the same terms as resident pupils, the county council shall, in all cases, pay for the maintenance of county pupils at such high school, or schools, a sum equal to eighty per cent. of the average cost of the yearly maintenance of pupils at such high school, provided that this subsection shall not apply to cities having a population of 100,000 or over.

(10) Any county council may, by a two-thirds vote, give additional aid to any one or more high schools or collegiate institutes in the county, without giving such aid to all the high schools in said county.

COUNTY COUNCIL MAY GRANT AID TO ONE OR MORE OF ITS HIGH SCHOOLS.

3. Subsection 1 of section 38 of the said Act, is amended by striking out all the words in the said subsection after the word "school" in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and the council of any county may, by a two-thirds vote of the members thereof, pass by-laws from time to time, for granting additional aid to any one or more high schools in the county without making a similar provision for the other high schools therein."

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOL PUPILS.

4. Section 32 of *The High Schools Act* is amended by adding thereto the following subsections:

(4) The board of trustees of any high school or collegiate institute may annually award a number of free scholarships to the pupils of the public or separate schools situate within the municipality. The number of said scholarships shall be fixed by the high school or collegiate institute board, and the said board may award the same by competitive examinations or otherwise, and shall have full power to prescribe the tenure of said scholarships and vote money for the expenses of holding any examinations therefor. Such scholarships shall be awarded only to a ratepayer of the municipality or municipalities contributing to the maintenance of such high school or collegiate institute.

(5) The board of trustees of any high school or collegiate institute may annually award a number of free scholarships, not to exceed six per high school or collegiate institute, to the pupils of said high school or collegiate institute on the results of form or other examinations within the said high school or collegiate institute, said scholarships to entitle the holder to not more than one year's free tuition in said high school or collegiate institute, and the high school or collegiate institute board may make all necessary rules and regulations regarding these scholarships.

ATHLETICS AND SCHOOL GAMES.

5. Section 11 of *The High Schools Act*, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

The board of trustees of any high school or collegiate institute may annually vote a sum of money, not exceeding \$30 in cities of 100,000 or more, and not exceeding \$150 in other municipalities, for the encouragement of athletics and the expenses of school games.

MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY PUPILS IN SCHOOLS IN UNITED COUNTIES.

6. Subsection 2 of section 38 is amended by adding thereto the following:

(1) But in such case each county forming such union shall pay for the maintenance of pupils resident in it who attend any high school situated in any other of the united counties.

An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows: