

11. Section 23 of said Chapter is amended by striking out the words "from their own number" in the third line thereof, and in Section 52 for "Board or Boards of School Commissioners for the County" substitute "Superintendent of Education."

12. Section 54 is amended by inserting after the words "rate roll" in the twenty third line of said Section, the following words "which shall be the County rate roll as made up next after the time of the annual school meeting;" also by adding at the end of the Section hereby amended the following words: Provided that when on such appeal it shall be ordered that any part of such rate shall be refunded to the appellant, such order shall be on the Trustees of the School Section appealed against, who are hereby required to repay the same to the party aggrieved out of any funds in their hands, and if there are no funds in hand they shall assess for the same at the next annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

13. Section 71 is repealed and the following substituted therefor: "There shall be granted annually a sum not exceeding six thousand six hundred dollars towards the support of County Academies, when constructed, located, and conducted in accordance with the Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction, each Academy to receive a sum equal to the amount of assessment levied for the year for the support of the schools of the Section in which the Academy is situated, exclusive of all moneys levied for building purposes, provided that no Academy shall receive for any year more than six hundred dollars. The Counties named in the following Schedule shall be entitled to share in this grant.

SCHEDULE.	
County of Annapolis	County of Lunenburg
" Cape Breton	" Queens
" Cumberland	" Richmond
" Digby	" Shelburne
" Guysborough	" Victoria
" Inverness	

14. Section 76, Subsection 1 is repealed and the following substituted therefor: To act as clerk of each Board of School Commissioners within his District, and to examine at the close of each term the school returns received from the Trustees of the various Sections of his District, and to prepare therefrom and transmit to the Superintendent of Education according to forms received from that officer, an abstract of the number of legally authorized teaching days taught by each duly licensed Teacher in his District, together with the Grade of License held by each Teacher; also to prepare and forward at the same time a statement of the apportionment of the County School Fund for the half year on the basis defined in Section 53 of this Chapter. Special reports shall be made of cases of false returns and of schools conducted in condemned buildings. It shall be the further duty of the Inspector to report to the Superintendent of Education the names of Teachers notoriously remiss or inefficient in the discharge of their duties, and of Sections failing to make reasonable provision for the health, comfort, and progress of the children attending school, and the Superintendent of Education may, with the sanction of the Council of Instruction, withhold in whole or part the Provincial Grant from such Teacher and the County Fund apportionment from such Section.

In sub-section (4) insert after the first "the" in third line of said subsection, "Superintendent of Education and the," and add to the last clause of said subsection the words "to the Superintendent of Education."

15. In Section 78, Subsection 12, for "Commissioners" substitute "Council of Public Instruction."

16. All School Sections created by Boards of Commissioners subsequent to the sectional division of the Province by the Commission appointed by the Educational Act of 1864, and which were regularly organized at the date of the last annual school meeting, are hereby declared legal and valid for the purposes of the chapter hereby amended.

17. Both County Fund apportionment made to Trustees and Provincial Grants to Teachers shall be withheld from Sections making a false return, and from Sections whose school, or any of whose schools, have been conducted in buildings condemned by the Board of School Commissioners.

18. The Superintendent of Education shall have the same right of visitation and inspection in respect to the Special Academies of Pictou and Yarmouth as are granted in the case of County Academies, and the regulations of those institutions shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Public Instruction.

19. Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 1879, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, 'Of Public Instruction,' relating to select schools in the County of Inverness, is

hereby repealed; provided, however, that the operation of this Section may be suspended for two years by the Council of Public Instruction, if satisfactory assurances are given to the Council by the thirty-first day of December next after the passage of this Act, that such preparations are being made as will secure within a reasonable time after that date the erection of a suitable building for a County Academy, in the County of Inverness, and the organization and establishment of such an Academy.

20. Section 53 of the said Chapter hereby amended, is amended as follows: After the word "therein," in the sixth line of the said section, add the following words: "At the rate of twelve and a half dollars per term for each licensed teacher employed, and the balance of the County Fund shall be distributed among the Schools"

21. So much of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes "Of Public Instruction," or of any law in amendment thereof, as is inconsistent with this Act, is hereby repealed.

### Amendments of the Act Relating to Public Instruction.

It has been deemed unadvisable to anticipate, in the case of the Act relating to Public Instruction and its amendatory Acts, the revision or consolidation of the general laws of the Province, which we understand to be contemplated at an early date. To relieve, as far as possible, existing embarrassment, we furnish an outline of the amendments of Chapter 32 Revised Statutes (4th Series) as made during the Sessions subsequent to 1873. The Education Office can supply a limited number of copies of the original Chapter or Act. Amendments of a special or local character are not given, neither are those referring exclusively to the City of Halifax. Inasmuch as the Act of 1880 has been published in full, it is not thought necessary to include in the appended syllabus of changes positively new matter introduced into our Educational Law by that Act.

#### REPEALED.

The following sections having been directly repealed are no longer in force, viz., 6, 10, 11, 12, sub-sections (3), (4), and (5), of 13, 15, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49.

#### COMMISSIONERS.

The sections relating to Commissioners of Schools, as amended by Acts of 1876, 1879 and 1880, are given in full, comprising the whole law regarding Boards of Commissioners, as now in force.

The Governor in Council shall have power to appoint seven or more Commissioners for each district, who shall form a Board of School Commissioners, of whom three shall be a quorum.

In every county where there are two or more separate Boards of School Commissioners empowered to draw upon one and the same County School Fund, there shall hereafter be one Board of School Commissioners instead of such separate Boards, and the members of existing Boards shall be members of the new Board, and any trust or property vested in existing Boards shall vest in the new Board; provided, however, that such consolidation of Boards shall take place only upon the joint request of the separate Boards of Commissioners at their annual meeting, save when ordered by the Council of Public Instruction. The Council of Public Instruction shall have power to determine the places of meeting of Boards of Commissioners; and each Board of Commissioners shall have power to re-number consecutively the school sections within its district.

Each Board of Commissioners shall meet annually on the day appointed by the Council of Public Instruction, and shall elect a Chairman at each regular meeting, who shall call a special meeting when required by two members of the Board, or when directed by the Council of Public Instruction. In case of a special meeting, the Chairman shall notify the Inspector of the same, and if the Inspector be unable to attend, the Board shall appoint a Secretary *pro tempore*, who shall record the proceedings of the meeting, and preserve such record for the Inspector, and transact any other necessary business, as directed by the Board; and in case of the absence of the Chairman, the Commissioners may appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*.