

Assessment of Hired Help—Liability of Farmer's Son for Statute Labor.

393—J. S.—1. In our township ratepayers have their hired men assessed with them to give them votes. Does this relieve them of the performance of the statute labor? If not, are said ratepayers liable?

2. Are farmers' sons not required to perform statute labor. What steps have to be taken to compel the performances of said labor?

1. Assessors should not assess hired help with their employers, unless they are satisfied that they are actually tenants or owners of the land for which they are assessed. If, however, they are on the assessment roll as tenants or joint owners with their employers, they are "otherwise assessed" within the meaning of section 5 of chapter 25 of The Ontario Statutes, 1904, and are not liable to the day's statute labor mentioned in this section. These assessments, if wrongly made, should be adjusted on appeal to the township Court of Revision.

2. Farmer's sons, entered on the assessment roll, as such should perform one day's statute labor, as provided in section 6 of the above Act read with section 5 of the Act. It is not now allowable to assess farmers' sons as joint owners with their fathers or mothers, unless their joint ownership is an actual fact.

Assessment of Commercial Wires of a Railway Company.

394—F. W. R.—Does section 8, chapter 36, of 1906 Statutes, do away with the assessment of the first commercial wire of railway company telegraph lines at \$40 per mile, making the assessment of all commercial wires of railway telegraph companies, \$5.00 per mile for each wire?

The effect of the section quoted is to render telegraph and telephone wires when owned by a steam railway company, and used for commercial purposes, assessable at \$5.00 per mile only, regardless of any distinction between the first and any other wire of the company used for these purposes.

A CLEANING UP DAY.

The mayor of Denver, Col., has established a very successful annual "cleaning up" day for that city, and the following are some of his pertinent suggestions for its observance:

If your store front, residence or fence is dingy, order it painted.

If your awning is old, torn or faded, get a new one.

If your sidewalk, gate or fence needs repairing, fix it.

If your advertising sign is old or faded, take it down or paint it.

Resolve never to throw paper in the streets.

Take all dandelions out of your lawn; they will spoil its beauty.

Destroy the young weeds that are starting on your property and on your neighbor's property.

Burn all the rubbish possible; allow no one to throw it on streets, alleys or vacant lots.

Promise not to spit on the sidewalk.

Organize a block improvement society and allow no weeds to grow on sidewalk area or vacant property in your block.

Ask your milkman, groceryman and expressman to have their wagons painted.

Irrespective of the size of your house, make your lawn the finest.

Illuminate the front of your store in the business section.

Every effort put forth or dollar spent to improve our city's appearance will be returned twofold.

Mr. K. L. AITKEN, Consulting Engineer, who was retained some time ago by the Waterworks Department of the City of Hamilton, and the Hamilton Gas Light Company, to report upon electrolytic damage to their piping systems, has returned to Toronto after spending a week on this work. No statement has been given out as yet, as the report will require another month to complete, other than general information to the effect that a large flow of current from the street railway tracks to the two piping systems was found. The matter of electrolytic damage is a serious one, and the results of the Hamilton test are being awaited with interest.

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Of the 126 Bills passed by the Legislature at its recent session thirteen referred to public and forty-five to private municipal affairs.

NEW MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION

(THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMENDMENT ACT CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 128)

Status of Teachers in Central Schools.

22. The said section 70 is amended by adding thereto the following as a new subsection:

- (3) Where two or more school sections are consolidated for the purpose of providing a central school, all the teachers in the said central school shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed principal teachers unless their number is greater than the number of sections consolidated, in which case the number of teachers in excess of the number of school sections aforesaid shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed assistant teachers.

County Clerk to Furnish Inspector With School Statistics.

23. Section 73 of *The Public Schools Act* is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

- (2) It shall be the duty of the clerk of every county to furnish the public school inspector forthwith on demand with such school statistics in regard to assessments as the Minister of Education may direct.

24. Sub-section 8 of section 80 of the said Act is amended by inserting after the word "disease" in the third line the words "or consumption."

Approval of Appointment of Additional Inspector.

25. Sub-section 3, of section 86 of the said Act as enacted by section 46 of the said Act, passed in the 6th year of His Majesty's reign, Chaptered 53, is amended, adding at the end of the said sub-section 3 the following paragraph:—

"In any county in which any public school inspector has charge of less than 140 schools or departments with separate registers the appointment of an additional inspector shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

26. Sub-section 8 of section 86 of *The Public Schools Act*, as enacted by section 47 of the said Act, passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign, is amended by inserting before the word "postage" in the ninth line the word "printing."

27. Sub-section 6 of section 87 of *The Public Schools Act* is amended by striking out the words "at his discretion" in the first line and substituting therefor the words "subject to the approval of the Minister of Education."