

"municipal authorities, according to the average number of pupils attending the school during the twelve next preceding months or during the number of months which may have elapsed from the establishment of a new Separate School, as compared with the whole average number of pupils attending school in the same city, town, village or township."

The proviso is made by Section 63 that Separate Schools shall not be entitled to any school moneys raised on a municipality's assessment for Public School purposes. The next section requires the Separate School trustees to transmit to the Minister of Education on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st of December in each year a correct return of the names of the children in attendance, together with the average attendance during the previous six months, and the Minister shall thereupon determine the proportion to which the Separate School is entitled out of the Legislature grant, and shall pay over the amount to the trustees.

The Education Department is authorized under Section 67 to constitute as a model school for the training of Separate School teachers any Separate School, and in any county where this has been done, or when, from the special circumstances of the Separate Schools therein, the Minister of Education deems it expedient, he may recommend for appointment to the County Board of Examiners some one person "possessing qualifications prescribed by the Education Department."

Separate School trustees are given the privilege by Section 68 of appointing one High School trustee not one of their number, but necessarily a ratepayer, but such trustee shall take no part in any Public School matters.

Disagreements between Separate School trustees and Public School inspectors and municipal authorities, or a protest against any proceedings of rural school trustees, made in writing or signed by five supporters of the Separate School concerned, may be referred to the Minister of Education for arbitrament, subject to an appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, whose award is made final.

The subject of superannuation takes up Sections 70 to 80. The next section makes every Saturday and every public holiday, besides every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged, shall be a holiday in Separate Schools. Penalties to which trustees are liable for neglect to act when elected to office, for supplying false information, for improper use of money, etc., are set forth in the remaining sections of the original Act.

The first amendment to the Act of 1887 extended the operation of the Separate School system by making it possible for ten or more heads of families in any portion of the Province not surveyed, to elect three of their number as school trustees, and on their providing suitable school accommodation, the Minister of Education may pay to them, not as in the Act proper, an amount based on the attendance, but such sum as might be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. It will be seen that this clause makes it possible for the Government to grant financial assistance to some Separate Schools, not as a right, to which they are entitled but as a favor, and the Roman Church is put in the position where, if it will only exercise the influence it usually brings to bear upon Governments, it can have its sectarian schools supported by Provincial funds to an extent not warranted by the conditions. The whole matter is placed where it may become a question of barter and sale.

The amendment proposed in 1902 seems to have even greater significance, and virtually, though under a disguise, extended the Separate system to High Schools. It provides: "The Separate School