

the schools, and to teachers; establish school libraries; provide plans for school-houses; send for books, maps, etc., when required. The superintendent shall annually prepare a report, setting forth the condition of the schools and libraries, and showing the amount of monies paid, with such suggestions as he may deem necessary."

**THREE TRUSTEES** shall be annually elected at the same time and in the same manner as other town and parish officers, whose duties shall be to lay off school districts; agree with inhabitants in selecting a teacher; suspend or displace any teacher for incapacity or immoral conduct;—the teacher having the privilege of appealing to the board.

"They," the trustees, "shall immediately after notifying the engagement of a teacher, and annually thereafter, call a meeting of the rate-payers of the district, for the purpose of electing a school committee, to consist of three persons, giving seven days notice, to be posted on the school house, specifying the time, place, and object of such meeting. The trustees shall visit the schools once a year, and apportion any moneys which may be raised by assessment, among the school districts in their respective parishes.

**ASSESSMENT.**—The teacher in any district or parish, whose inhabitants may assess themselves to pay the local salary of the teacher, shall be allowed ten per cent. over the usual government allowance.

**COMMITTEE.**—The rate payers of every school district shall at the meeting called by the trustees as aforesaid, elect three persons, who shall constitute a school committee for the respective district, who shall continue in office for one year. The committee as aforesaid, shall have charge of the school house, grounds, appurtenances, etc., call meetings of the inhabitants for the purpose of providing a school house, books, maps, libraries, etc., and admit free scholars.

**TEACHERS.**—The teachers, male and female, shall be divided into three classes, who are to receive the same salaries, and teach the same subjects as under the last law. Females to teach, along with other branches, common needlework.

The teachers are to inculcate the moral virtues among their pupils; but no pupil shall be required to study in or from any religious book, or join in any act of devotion, objected to by his parents or guardians.

Each parish may have a superior school by raising £70, when the province will pay £50 towards such school.

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES.**—The province will pay a sum, not exceeding five pounds per annum, to any district that will raise double the amount in aid of a local library.

Then follow the regulations as to how the assessment principle is to be managed.

There are to be three teachers connected with the training and model schools—two males and one female, whose salaries the bill does not fix; but it is not likely the salaries will be less than under a former bill, which amounted in the aggregate to £310 per annum.

Such is a brief synopsis of another New Brunswick school bill. Every bill on this subject teaches the necessity of the public mind being made acquainted with the requirements of the country. Here is another bill, touching the best moral and secular interests of the people, and in the execution of the provisions of which they have to play an important part,—purchase land, build school houses, elect trustees and committees, both of whom have responsible duties to perform without receiving one fraction for their labour. But it will be said they get so many pounds from the revenues of the country in aid of schools, which is very true: but it is only a portion of their own money—a portion of what they have paid into the revenues of the country for this very purpose; so it is their own money after all. It will be observed by this bill that the trustees and people, who have not a day to spend without remuneration, do not get a single farthing for their trouble, while £1,800 per annum are to be drawn from the revenues of the country and distributed among other officials, over whose conduct the people or parish school officers have no control.—However, it is the act of the provincial parliament, and must be submitted to, no matter how absurd.