

five and twenty-one years to attend the school, so long as they conduct themselves in conformity with the rules of such school, and the school rates required to be paid on their behalf are fully discharged; but such permission shall not extend to the children of persons in whose behalf a separate school has been established, according to the Act respecting the establishment of separate schools.

*Visit schools—and for what.*

(17) To visit, from time to time, each school under their charge, and see that it is conducted according to the authorized regulations, and that each such school is, at all times, duly provided with a Register and Visitors' Book, in the form prepared according to law.

*Proper Text-Books to be used in Schools.*

(18) To see that no unauthorized books are used in the school, and that the pupils are duly supplied with a uniform series of authorized text-books, sanctioned and recommended by the Council of Public Instruction, and to procure annually, for the benefit of their school section, some periodical devoted to education.

*Establish School Section Library.*

(19) It shall be the duty of the trustees to appoint a librarian, and to take such steps authorized by law as they may judge expedient for the establishment, safe keeping and proper management of a school library in their section, now that provision has been made and carried into effect for the establishment of school libraries.

*Personal Responsibility of Trustees in case of Neglect to Exercise Corporate Powers.*

(20) To exercise all the corporate powers vested in them by this Act, for the fulfilment of any contract or agreement made by them; and in case they or any of them wilfully neglect or refuse to exercise such powers, the trustee or trustees so neglecting or refusing shall be personally responsible for the fulfilment of such contract or agreement.

*Prepare and Read Report at Annual Meeting.*

(21) To cause to be prepared and read at the annual meeting of their section, their annual school report for the year then terminating, which report shall include, among other things, a summary of their proceedings and state of the school during the year, together with a full and detailed statement and account of the receipt and expenditure of all school moneys received and expended in behalf of such section, for any purpose whatever, during such year; which report shall be signed by the trustees and by either or both of the school auditors of the section; and, in case of difference of opinion between the school auditors on any matter in the accounts, it shall be referred to and decided by the County Inspector [as provided by the twenty-first section of the School Law Improvement Act of 1871].

*Make Half-Yearly Report to County Inspector.*

(22) To transmit to the County Inspector, on or before the thirtieth day of June, and the thirty-first day of December in each year, a correct return of the average attendance of pupils in each of the schools under their charge during the six months then immediately preceding.

*Penalty for Neglecting to do so.*

And in case such trustees neglect to transmit a verified statement of such average attendance, then such school section shall not be entitled to the apportionment from the school fund for the said six months.

(23) To ascertain the number of children between the ages of five and sixteen years residing in their section on the thirty-first day of December in each year, and to prepare and transmit annually, on or before the fifteenth day of January, a report to the County Inspector, signed by a majority of the trustees, and made according to a form provided by the Chief Superintendent of Education, and shall specify therein:

(1) The whole time the school in their section was kept by a qualified teacher, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of the previous December.

(2) The amount of moneys received for the school fund, from local rates or contributions, and from other sources, distinguishing the same; and the manner in which all such moneys were expended.

(3) The whole number of children residing in the school section, over the age of five years, and under the age of sixteen; the number of children and young persons taught in the school in winter and summer, distinguishing the sexes, and those who were over and under sixteen years of age; and the average attendance of pupils in both winter and summer; but the trustees of the public school sections, within the limits of which one or more separate school sections are established, as hereinafter provided, shall not, in their return of children of school age residing in their school sections, include the children attending such separate school or schools.

(4) The branches of education taught in the school; the numbers of pupils in each branch; the text-books used; the numbers of public school examinations; visits and lectures, and by whom made or delivered, and such other information respecting the school premises and library as may be required.

*Penalty for Delaying Yearly Report.*

28. In case the trustees of any school section neglect to prepare and forward the aforesaid annual report to their county inspector by the thirty-first day of January in each year, each of them shall, for each week after such thirty-first day of January, and until such report has been prepared and presented, forfeit the sum of five dollars, to be sued for by such County Inspector, and collected and applied in the manner provided by the twenty-first section of this Act.

[The twenty-ninth section has been superseded by the eighth section of the School Law Amendment Act of 1860, as follows:]

*Annual Appointment of Auditors of School Section Accounts.*

[8. In order that there may be accuracy and satisfaction in regard to the school accounts of school sections, the majority of the assessed freeholders and householders present at the annual school meeting shall appoint a fit and proper person to be auditor of the school accounts of the section for the then current year, and the trustees shall, before the first day of December in each year, appoint another auditor; and the auditor thus chosen, or either of them, shall forthwith appoint a time, before the day of the next ensuing annual school meeting, for examining the accounts of the school section;

*Trustees to submit their School Accounts to the Auditors.*

[And it shall be the duty of the trustees, or their secretary-treasurer in their behalf, to lay all their accounts before the auditors, or either of them, together with the agreements, vouchers, &c., in their possession, and to afford to the auditors, or either of them, all the information in their power as to their receipts and expenditures of school moneys in behalf of their school section;

*Powers and Duties of School Section Auditors.*

[And it shall be the duty of the auditors to examine into and decide upon the accuracy of the accounts of such section, and whether the trustees have truly accounted for and expended for school purposes the moneys received by them, and to submit the said accounts, with a full report thereon, at the next annual school meeting; and if the auditors, or either of them, object to the lawfulness of any expenditures made by the trustees, they shall submit the matters in difference to such meeting, which may either determine the same, or submit them to the County Inspector, whose decision shall be final, and the auditors shall remain in office until their audit is completed; the auditors, or either of them, shall have the same authority to call for persons and papers, and require evidence on oath, and to enforce their decisions, as have arbitrators appointed under the authority of the eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth and eighty-sixth, sections of the said Ontario Consolidated Public School Act; and it shall be their duty, or that of either of them, to report the result of their examination of the accounts of the year to the annual school meeting next after their appointment, when the annual report of the trustees, signed by the trustees and auditors, shall be presented, and the vacancy or vacancies in the trustee corporation be filled up, as provided by law;

*[Remedy in case the Trustees Fail to Appoint an Auditor.]*

[And if the trustees neglect to appoint an auditor, or appoint one who refuses to act, the County Inspector shall appoint one for them;

*[Penalty on Trustees Refusing Information, &c., to Auditors.]*

[And if the trustees, or their secretary in their behalf, refuse to