

VII.—ASSESSMENT OF COUNTIES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

28. The Clerk of the Peace in each county, except as hereinafter provided in relation to the city of Halifax, shall add to the sum annually voted for general county purposes at the general sessions, a sum sufficient, after deducting costs of collection and probable loss, to yield an amount equal to thirty cents for every inhabitant of the county according to the last census preceding the issue of the county rate-roll, and the sum so added shall form and be a portion of the county rates. One-half the sum thus raised shall be paid semi-annually by the County Treasurer upon the order of the Board or Boards of School Commissioners for the county.

29. One-half of the amount provided, to be raised annually as aforesaid, shall, at the close of each half-year, be apportioned to the Trustees of Schools conducted in accordance with this act, to be applied towards the payment of Teachers' salaries; and each school shall be entitled to participate therein according to the average number of pupils in attendance and the length of time in operation, but shall receive no allowance for being in session more than the prescribed number of days in any one-half year.

30. The County School rate assessed upon the inhabitants of any section not provided with a suitable school house and unable to erect one, shall be retained for two years, and if within that time means shall be adopted to build a school house, the moneys so vested shall form part of the amount required for such purpose. The assessors shall return yearly to the Clerk of the Peace a statement of the amounts levied for such County rate upon said section.

31. Each Board of Commissioners shall have power to withhold the county school moneys from any Trustees presenting a false Return.

32. Each Board of Commissioners shall forward with the semi-annual returns, a certificate signed on behalf of the