

13. Each Board of Commissioners shall forward with the semi-annual returns, district examiners', and inspectors' accounts, a certificate signed on behalf of the Board by the chairman, and also by the inspector, stating that to the best of their knowledge the accompanying distributions of provincial and county moneys have been made in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Certificates of distribution.

14. Each Board of Commissioners shall have power,—

Powers of commissioners.
To alter sections.

(1.) To make such alterations in the existing boundaries of school sections, at any regular semi-annual meeting, as may from time to time be necessary, the inspector having been consulted as to the propriety of any alterations, and to fix the time when such alterations shall take effect, whether at once, in six months, or in a year; and the Commissioners shall in all cases have due regard to the number of children, and to the ability of each section to support an efficient school; but they shall not divide towns and villages unless by the special direction of the Council of Public Instruction.

Mode of.

Limitation.

(2.) To declare, upon the inspector's report, or upon other reliable information, the school house, or houses or buildings used as such, unfit for school purposes, and shall forward such declaration to the trustees of the section, and the Board shall thereafter withhold all provincial aid from any such section, if measures are not adopted whereby a suitable house or houses may be provided according to the ability of the section.

To declare school houses unfit.

Penalty on sections for neglect.

(3.) To withhold the provincial grant from any section presenting a false return, and also to withhold the grant, in part or in whole, from any teacher who may be found negligent of duty, immoral, or who may otherwise fail to sustain the standing indicated by his or her license, and the Board shall immediately report any such case, with a statement of the facts, to the Superintendent.

To withhold provincial grant in certain cases.

(4.) To settle any disputes arising between the trustees and teacher, respecting the teacher's salary or duty.

To settle disputes between trustees and teachers.

(5.) To cancel the license of any teacher under their charge, who may become guilty of drunkenness or other gross immorality, and to suspend at their discretion the license of any teacher under their charge, for negligence of duty or incapacity, and to notify the teacher of the same, and the trustees by whom said teacher may be employed; and the Board shall immediately acquaint the Superintendent of any such case, and of the name, sex, and class of the teacher whose license shall have been cancelled or suspended.

To cancel or suspend teachers' license.

And to report to superintendent.

(6.) To appoint trustees, or a trustee for any section, in cases as hereinafter provided.

To appoint trustees in certain cases.

15. Any person may convey or devise real estate to the Commissioners for any district, and duly vest in the Commissioners and their successors in office the legal estate therein, in trust, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a school house or houses thereon; and the Commissioners may

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