

IV.—SCHOOL MEETINGS.

[DEFINITION:—The term ratepayer as used herein, means any resident of the section rated in respect of real or personal property in the county rate-roll.]

10. THE ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual school meeting for the election of Trustees, or a Trustee, shall be held in the school house of the section, or if not commodious, or if its use cannot be obtained, or if there is none, in any other convenient building, on the third Monday in October; the meeting to be called by the Trustees, or, where none exist, by the Inspector, by notices posted in three public localities within the section, five days previously, signed by the Trustees or the Inspector, as the case may be.

11. At the annual school meeting the majority of the rate-payers of the section present shall elect from their own number, or otherwise, a Chairman to preside over the meeting and a Secretary to record its proceedings; and the Chairman shall decide all questions of order, and shall take the votes of qualified voters only, and shall give a casting vote in case of an equality of votes; and the rate payers shall, by a majority of those present, decide what amount shall be raised by the section to supplement the sums provided for public schools by the Province and county, and they shall also decide whether any and what sum shall be raised for the purchase or building of school houses, for the purchase or improvement of school grounds, or for general school purposes.

12. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to present an annual report on the state of the school or schools, and of the doings of the Board, at the regular school meeting in October.

13. SPECIAL MEETINGS.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees to call a special meeting of the section, due notice being given by means of the school or otherwise, for the purpose of filling any extraordinary vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees, and for any other necessary purpose; and at any such meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, as provided for the annual meeting.

14. Upon the requisition of the majority of the rate-payers of any section, the Trustees shall convene a special meeting of rate-payers for the purpose of voting money or adding to any amount previously voted for any purpose authorised by this act, notice of which meeting shall be given by the Trustees, as provided in the case of the annual meeting, and such notice shall express the object of such meeting.

[See also clauses 20 and 21.]

15. It shall be the duty of every teacher or teachers in every school section to give notice through the pupils, of school-meetings advertised by the Inspector or Trustees.