

the company shall be entitled to such bonus on performance of the conditions, if any, attached to the grant of such bonus whether the railway is constructed by the company itself or by another company, by its procurement or with its consent.

33. Sub-section 1 of section 696 of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, is amended by inserting after the words "by way of loan to such railway" in the sixth line thereof the following words "or by way of payment for shares of stock in such railway."

Power to Grant Aid to Beet Sugar Factory.

34. Section 700 of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, is amended by adding in the third line thereof after the word "smelting works" the words, "or a beet sugar factory."

Sidewalks in Police Villages.

35. Sub-section 1 of section 744 of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, is amended by inserting after the word "debentures" in the second line the words "for the construction of sidewalks of cement, concrete, brick or other permanent material."

36. Sub-section 1 of section 758 of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, is amended by striking out the words "57th year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria" in the eighth line of the said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "62nd year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria" and the said section shall be read as if originally enacted as hereby amended.

Newspaper Proprietors Not Disqualified from Sitting in Councils by Insertion of Advertisements, etc.

37. No person shall be or shall be deemed to have been disqualified from being elected a member of the council of any municipal corporation or from sitting and voting in such council by reason only of his being proprietor of or otherwise interested in a newspaper or other periodical publication in which from time to time official advertisements are inserted by the council which appear in other newspapers or publications in the municipality, or which is subscribed for by the council or by any of the departments or offices of the municipality, although such advertisements or subscriptions are paid for at the usual rate out of the moneys of the municipal corporation, but this shall not apply to any person who has entered into an agreement or contract with a municipal corporation to do at a specified rate all or the greater part of the printing required by such corporation during the term of such agreement or contract, and no such member of council shall vote where his own account is in question.

Sections of Consolidated Municipal Act Relating to Controverted Elections to Apply to Controllers

38. It is declared that sections 219 to 244a, inclusive, of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, apply and have always applied to any person elected or claiming to have been elected as controller in any city in which controllers are or may hereafter be elected, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the office of controller had been mentioned expressly in the said sections with the offices of mayor, warden, reeve, alderman, county councillor, and all proceedings heretofore had or taken to contest the validity of the election of any person as controller shall be deemed to have been duly taken and may be proceeded with after the passing of this Act, notwithstanding any judgment or order by way of prohibition heretofore rendered or made upon the ground that the said sections were not applicable to the officer of controller.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING THE DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Chapter 279 of The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, is amended as follows by this Act :

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :

Time for Giving Notice as to the Cutting of Noxious Weeds.

1. Sub-section 1 of section 4, of *The Act to prevent the Spread of Noxious Weeds and Diseases affecting Fruit Trees* is amended by striking out all the words therein after the word "notice" at the end of the eighth line of the said subsection, and inserting in lieu thereof the words following "and it shall be the duty of the inspector to give or cause to be given such notice for the first time not later than such date or dates in each year as may be fixed by by-law of the municipality."

Owner or Occupant to Cut Down Weeds to Centre of Highway.

2. Section 8 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor :

8. (1.) It shall be the duty of every owner or occupant of land in a municipality to cut down and destroy or cause to be cut down and destroyed, at the proper time to prevent the ripening of their seed; all the noxious weeds growing on any highway adjoining such land, not being a toll road, from the boundary of such land to the

centre line of such road, and in case of default after notice from the inspector or overseer of highways, or where no inspector or overseer is appointed from the clerk of the municipality, the council of such municipality may do the work, and may add the cost thereof to the taxes against the land in the collector's roll and collect such cost in the same manner as other taxes.

Non-Resident Lands.

(2) In the case of lands assessed as non-resident lands in townships the council of the township shall direct the work mentioned in sub-section 1 of this section to be done and may add the cost thereof to the taxes against the lands and may collect the same in the same manner as other taxes.

In Unorganized Townships.

(3) In unorganized townships where road commissioners have been appointed under the provisions of *The Assessment Act*, or under any Act relating to statute labor in unorganized townships, it shall be the duty of every owner or occupant to cut down and destroy or cause to be cut down and destroyed, at the proper time to prevent the ripening of their seed, all the noxious weeds growing on any highway adjoining such land, not being a toll road, from the boundary of such land to the centre line of such road, and in case of default after notice from the road commissioners requiring such work to be done on or before a day named in the notice, such owner or occupant shall incur a penalty of \$5 for each lot or parcel in respect of which default is made, and upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the township such Justice shall order the penalty, together with the costs of prosecution and distress, to be levied by distress of the offender's goods and chattels, and every penalty so recovered shall be paid the road commissioners and be expended in improving the roads in such township.

Road Commissioners May do the Work and Recover Expenses.

(4) In case of such default as mentioned in the preceding subsection the road commissioners may perform the work in place of such owner or occupant, and the cost thereof to the extent of \$1.25 for each day's labor involved shall be recoverable as a debt due by such owner or occupant to the road commissioners in any court of competent jurisdiction.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ACT.

A number of amendments of considerable interest are made by this Act to The Public Schools' Act, 1901. By section 1 the provisions of sections 21 of The Public Schools' Act, 1901, are extended to school sections in rural municipalities. Section 2 enlarges the powers of arbitrators in making their award as to school sites, and provides that the consent of a majority of the rate-payers must be obtained before an action at law can be instituted under the Act to set aside any award. By section 3 power is conferred on municipal councils to limit the number of trustees when all the school sections in a township have been consolidated. Section 5 authorizes the arbitrators or a majority of them to make and publish an award as to the formation, etc., of a union school section. Section 6 renders it lawful to take the proceedings mentioned in sub-section 1 of section 46, at any time after the expiration of three years after the making of an award by the arbitrators forming or refusing to form a new union school section, when such award has not been acted upon, or has been adjudged illegal or void by the court or judge. Section 7 gives the member of a school board in cities, towns and incorporated villages, who is assessed for the largest sum, a casting vote in case of a tie on any question other than the election of a chairman. Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 relate to the remuneration of county inspectors. Section 16 makes provision for the assessment of lands in the portion of a union school section in unorganized territory, and section 17 gives authority to township councils to establish a second school in any school section under the conditions mentioned therein. The following is the full text of the Act :

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :

Admission of Pupils of Rural Sections to Urban and Rural Schools.

1. Section 21 of *The Public Schools Act*, as amended by section 1 of the Act passed in the second year of His Majesty's reign and