

that no complaint, in regard to any election or proceeding at a school meeting, shall be entertained unless made in writing within twenty days after the holding of such election or meeting.

Chief Superintendent to decide all complaints, appeals and other questions not otherwise provided for.

14. The Chief Superintendent shall have authority to decide upon all disputes and complaints laid before him, the settlement of which is not otherwise provided for by law, and upon all appeals made to him from the decision of any Local Superintendent or other School officer.

Special allowance to Local Superintendents and Arbitrators.

15. Arbitrators appointed under the authority of the School Acts and Local Superintendents engaged in investigating and deciding upon School complaints and disputes, shall be entitled to the same remuneration *per diem* for the time thus employed as are members of the Municipal Council of their County for their attendance at Council meetings;

Proviso: who shall pay Arbitrators' Expenses.

Provided always, that the parties concerned in such disputes shall pay all the expenses incurred in them, according to the award or decision of the Arbitrators and Local Superintendents respectively.

Meetings of and allowance to Members of County Board of Public Instruction,—provision for Expenses.

16. Each County or Circuit Board of Public Instruction shall meet half yearly, and each of its members shall be entitled to the same recompense for his time and expenses as are members of the County Corporation for their attendance at County Council meetings; and the incidental expenses, attending the meeting of such County or Circuit Board, shall include the recompense to its members, the stationery, room, fuel, light, printing of notice, examination papers and certificates, and such remuneration to the Secretary of such Board as the Board may deem just and expedient.

Every Saturday to be a holiday.

17. Every Saturday shall be a holiday in all the Public Schools.

School Trustees must make declaration of office, or be fined.

18. Every person elected as Trustee, and who is eligible and liable to serve as such, shall make the following declaration of office before the Chairman of the School meeting:

"I will truly and faithfully, to the best of my judgment and ability, discharge the duties of the office of School Trustee to which I have been elected."

Fine for default, or in case of neglect.

And if any person elected as Trustee shall not make such a declaration within two weeks after notice of his election, his neglect to do so shall be sufficient evidence of his refusing to serve and of his liability to pay the fine as provided for in the twenty-third section of the said Upper Canada Common School Act.

Fine on Chairman of School meeting for not transmitting proceedings to Local Superintendent.

19. Any Chairman who neglects to transmit to the Local Superintendent, a copy of the proceedings of an annual or other School section meeting over which he may preside, within ten days after the holding of such meeting, shall be liable, on the complaint of any rate-payer, to a fine of not more than five dollars, to be recovered as provided in the one hundred and fortieth section of the Upper Canada Common School Act aforesaid.

Trustees not liable for acting under a Municipal By-law, &c.

20. Trustees shall not be liable to any prosecution or the payment of any damages for acting under any By-law of a Municipal Council before it has been quashed.

Powers and liabilities of Collectors of School rates.

21. Collectors of School rates shall have the same powers, and be under the same liability and obligations in their respective School municipalities, as Township Collectors have and

are liable to in their respective municipalities, and shall give such security as may be satisfactory to the Trustees.

Local Superintendent may suspend a Teacher's Provincial Certificate.

22. A Local Superintendent shall have the same authority to suspend for the time being a Provincial Certificate of Teacher's qualifications, and report the same forthwith to the Chief Superintendent, as he has to suspend a County Certificate, notifying in writing to the Teacher, whose certificate is suspended, the reasons of it; and the Chief Superintendent shall finally decide upon the case.

Chief Superintendent may refer certain questions to Superior Courts.

23. It shall be competent for the Chief Superintendent of Education, should he deem it expedient, to submit a case on any question arising under the Grammar or Common School Acts, to any Judge of either of the Superior Courts for his opinion and decision, or, with the consent of such Judge, to either of the Superior Courts for their opinion and decision.

Enactments inconsistent with this Act repealed.

24. So much of the said Upper Canada Common School Act as is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed;

Section 95 of the Consolidated School Act, amended.

And in the second line of the ninety-fifth section of the said Upper Canada Common School Act, the phrase "The County Council shall divide" shall read, "The County Council shall have authority to divide," &c.

THE CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL ACT FOR UPPER CANADA.—22 Vic. cap. 64.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

EXISTING ORGANIZATION CONTINUED.

1. All common school sections or other common school divisions, together with all elections and appointments to office, all agreements, contracts, assessments, and rate-bills, heretofore duly made in relation to common schools, and existing when this Act comes into force, shall continue subject to the provisions of this Act.

2. The term for which each school trustee who holds office at the time this Act takes effect, shall continue as if such term had commenced by virtue of an election under this Act; and on the second Wednesday in January next after this Act takes effect, the trustee or trustees whose term of office then expires, shall retire from office, but may, with his or their own consent, be re-elected under the provisions of this Act.

Annual Election on the Second Wednesday in January.

3. The annual meetings for the election of school trustees, as hereinafter provided, shall be held in all the cities, towns, townships, and villages of Upper Canada, on the *second Wednesday in January*, in each year, commencing at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon.*

Trustees' term of office.

4. For each township school section there shall be three trustees, each of whom, after the first election of trustees, shall hold office for *three years*, and until his successor has been elected.

5. Any trustee elected to fill an occasional vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the person in whose place he has been elected.

Trustees not to hold certain offices.

6. And no trustee of a school section shall hold the office of local superintendent or of a teacher, within the section of which he is a trustee.†

Proceedings on the formation of a new section.

7. Whenever a school section is formed in any township, as provided in the *thirty-ninth* section of this Act, the Clerk of the

* See Section 4 of the New School Act.

† See Section 11 of the New School Act.