

SUNDRY AMENDMENTS TO OLD SCHOOL LAW.

30. Several sections and sub-sections of the Consolidated Common School Act for Upper Canada, passed in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered sixty-four, shall be amended as follows:

(1.) The twenty-third section, after the words "twenty dollars," shall read, "to be sued for and recovered before a justice of the peace, by the Trustees of the School section, or by any two rate-payers, for its use."

(2.) In the second sub-section of the twenty-seventh section, the words, "and shall proceed in the same manner as ordinary collectors of county or township rates and assessments," shall be amended to read as follows: "and shall have the same powers and proceed in the same manner in his School section and township, as a township collector, in collecting rates in a township or county, as provided in the Municipal Corporations and Assessment Acts."

(3.) The eighth sub-section of the same (twenty-seventh) section shall be amended by striking out all the words therein after the word "salaries."

(4.) The ninth sub-section of the same (twenty-seventh) section, after the words "school section," shall be amended, so as to read as follows: "but they [the Trustees] shall not give such order in behalf of any teacher, except for the actual time during which said teacher, while employed, held a legal certificate of qualification."

(5.) At the end of the twelfth sub-section of the same (twenty-seventh) section, the following words shall be added: "and in case of any omission or mistake in such roll, the township council shall have authority to correct it."

(6.) In the first sub-section of the ninety-first section, the words, "he shall apportion no money," shall read, "he shall apportion, but shall not give an order to pay money."

MEANING OF REFERENCE TO MUNICIPAL AND ASSESSMENT ACTS.

31. Wherever reference is made in any School Act to the Municipal Institutions or Assessment Acts, it shall be held to mean those Acts, or amendments to them, which may be in force at the time of performing any duty under their authority.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

32. The public schools in cities, towns and incorporated villages shall be under the management of Boards of Public School Trustees; and each of such boards shall be a corporation under the designation of Public School Board, and shall succeed to all the property, rights, obligations and powers of Boards of Common School Trustees in such cities, towns and villages; Provided that the Common School Boards shall continue in office until their successors are elected, as provided by the thirty-third section of this Act.

33. The members of the Public School Boards shall be elected and classified in the manner provided by law for the election and classification of Common School Trustees in cities, towns, and incorporated villages.

COURSE OF STUDY IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

34. Boards of Grammar School Trustees shall be designated High School Boards; and the Grammar Schools shall be designated and known as High Schools, in which provision shall be made for teaching to both male and female pupils the higher branches of an English and commercial education, including the natural sciences, with special reference to agriculture, and, also, the Latin, Greek, French and German languages, to those pupils whose parents or guardians may desire it, according to a programme of studies and regulations, which shall be prescribed from time to time by the Council of Public Instruction, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and the Council of Public Instruction shall have power to exempt any High School, which shall not have sufficient funds to provide the necessary qualified teachers, from the obligation to teach the German and French languages.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ACT TO APPLY TO HIGH SCHOOLS—NEW ONES.

35. All the provisions of the Grammar School Act shall as far as is consistent with the provisions of this Act, apply to High Schools, their Trustees, head masters and other officers, as fully as they apply to Grammar Schools and their officers. And as far as the fund will permit, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the establishment of additional High Schools

upon the conditions prescribed by the Grammar School Act and this Act.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

36. The grammar or High School grant shall be exclusively applied in aid of High Schools; and of the sums of money required to be raised from local sources for the support of a high school a sum equal to one-half of the amount paid by the Government to any High School in a city or town withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the county, together with such other sum as may be required for the accommodation and support of such school, shall be provided by the Municipal Council of such city or town, upon the application of the High School Board. In the case of a High School in towns, incorporated villages or townships, one-half of the amount paid by the Government shall be paid by the Municipal Council of the county in which such High School is situated, upon the application of the High School Board; and such other sums as may be required for the maintenance and school accommodation of the said High School, shall be raised by the Council of the Municipality in which the high school is situated, upon the application of the High School Board; or, in the event of the county council forming the whole or parts of a county into one or more High School district, then such other sums as may be required for the maintenance of the said High School shall be provided by the High School district upon the application of the High School board in the manner hereinafter provided:

(1.) The Council of any municipality or the councils of the respective municipalities, out of which the whole or part of such high school district is formed, shall, upon the application of the High School Board, raise the proportion required to be paid by such municipality or part of the municipality, from the whole or part of the municipality, as the case may be.

CONDITION OF RECEIVING PUBLIC OR HIGH SCHOOL GRANT.

37. No Public or High School shall be entitled to share in the Fund applicable to it unless it is conducted according to the regulations provided by law; and each High School conducted according to law, shall be entitled to an apportionment at the rate of not less than four hundred dollars per annum, according to the average attendance of pupils, their proficiency in the various branches of study, and the length of time each such High School is kept open, as compared with other High Schools.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

38. The County, City or Town Inspector of Schools, the Chairman of the High School Board and the head master of the High School shall constitute a Board of Examiners for the admission of pupils to the High School, according to the regulations and programme of examination provided according to law; and it shall be the duty of the Inspector of High Schools to see that such regulations are duly observed in the admission of pupils to the High Schools; Provided nevertheless, that the pupils already admitted as Grammar School pupils according to law, shall be held eligible without further examination for admission as pupils of the High Schools; And provided furthermore, that pupils from any part of the County in which a High School is or may be established shall be admitted to such school on the same terms as pupils within the town or village of such school.

INSPECTORS OF HIGH SCHOOLS.

39. The Inspector or Inspectors of Grammar Schools now authorized by law, shall be known as the Inspector or Inspectors of High Schools.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE DEFINED—TRUSTEES.

40. Every county council shall determine the limits of each High School district for each Grammar School now existing within the county, and may form the whole or part of one or more townships, towns and villages within its jurisdiction into a high school district; and the high school board of such district shall possess all the powers within the said district, for the support and management of their high school, and in respect to the county council, as are possessed under the Grammar School Acts and this Act by high school boards in respect to the support and management of the schools under their care; and such county council may appoint and determine the continuance and succession in office of six duly qualified persons as members of such high school board. Provided, however, that existing Grammar School divisions already established shall be called High School districts, and continue as such till otherwise altered by law of such county council.