

On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$3,500,
on not less than 80% of the assessed value.

On dwelling houses assessed at not more than \$4,000,
on not less than 90% of the assessed value.

Councils may, without the assent of the electors, pass by-laws exempting houses, assessed at not more than \$3,000, owned and occupied by officers and men of overseas service, from rates and taxes (except for school and local improvement purposes) for not longer than 10 years.

Chap. IX., Sec. 10, p. 69. The Truancy Act has been repealed as from January, 1920, and in its place the Compulsory School Attendance Act has been passed. Under it, every child between 8 and 14 years of age must attend school for the full term for which the school in his district is open, unless

- (a) The child is under efficient instruction elsewhere.
- (b) The child is sick or unavoidably absent.
- (c) There is no public school which the child has a right to attend within 2 miles of his home if under 10 years of age, or within 3 miles of it if he is over that age.
- (d) There is not sufficient accommodation in the school which the child is entitled to attend.
- (e) The child has been excused from attendance (for a maximum of 6 weeks in each term) by a certificate from a justice of the peace, the school attendance officer, or the principal of the school, on the grounds *only* that the services of the child are needed for husbandry, urgent and