

The Vestry was generally at the north side of the east end of the Church. In large and important Churches it was of considerable size, and before School Rooms were built it was commonly used for meetings of parishioners. From the place where they met these were commonly called *Vestry meetings*; and when the parishioners became too numerous to meet conveniently in mass meeting (in some parishes in London they number 200,000) they elected representatives, who were called "Vestrymen."

SEC. 2. In New Brunswick, since the year 1789, elected Vestrymen form part of the Church Corporation; they must not exceed twelve in number, but any number up to twelve is lawful.

SEC. 3. Vestrymen are elected at the same meeting and in the same manner as Church Wardens, though Vestrymen need not be communicants. The mode of summoning such meeting on Easter Monday and the qualification of voters have been fully described under Title iv., *Church Wardens*, Sec. 6 and Sec. 7. Vestrymen thus elected continue in office until their successors are legally chosen.

SEC. 4. The names of those who are elected Vestrymen at the Easter Monday meeting shall be entered in the minute book of the Corporation, and the entry shall be signed by the chairman.

SEC. 5. Vestrymen, as such, have no power to act of themselves, but can only act in common with the other members of the Church Corporation. No individual member of the Vestry has any right to take any action as Vestryman unless he have been specially deputed to act as the representative of the Corporation on their behalf.

SEC. 6. On certain occasions, when the Rector has neglected or refused to summon meetings, three Vestrymen may summon them; but no fewer than three Vestrymen may legally summon a meeting, whatever be the number of Vestrymen elected at the Easter Monday meeting. But even three Vestrymen have no such power of themselves, unless it have been ascertained beyond doubt that the Rector has neglected or refused to summon such meeting.

For particulars in this case see above title I, *Parishes*, sec. 8, vi., vii.

SEC. 7. In the case of a vacancy occurring in a Church Corporation by the death, resignation, or removal of a Vestryman, then the Church Corporation may, at a special meeting called for the purpose, coopt or elect one properly qualified to fill the vacancy; and the person so elected Vestryman shall hold office in the same manner as if he had been elected at the Easter Monday meeting.

It is important that a vacancy should be filled as soon as possible.

SEC. 8. Vestrymen should do all in their power to assist the Church Wardens as far as they can in collecting the offerings of the people in the Church, in keeping order, and in promoting peace and harmony in the parish; remembering always that by being elected representatives of the parishioners they become officers of the Church, and so non-commissioned officers of the GREAT HEAD of the Church.