

7. Section 48 of the said chapter 20 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

"48. A sum not exceeding one-half the amount assessed as a county rate in any municipality for the support of schools may be advanced from the Provincial Treasury to the municipality for a period not exceeding four months, and the municipality shall repay to the Province such sum out of the municipal taxes when collected."

8. Section 63 of the said chapter 20 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

"63. The annual school meeting for the election of a trustee or trustees shall be held in the school-house of the section, or if it be not commodious, or if its use cannot be obtained, or if there is none, in any other convenient building, on the last Monday in June, or at any previous date which may for special reasons be fixed for any inspectorial district, county or section, by the Council of Public Instruction, the meeting to be called by the trustees, or when none exist, by the inspector, by notices posted in three public places within the section five days previously, signed by the trustees or the inspector, as the case may be."

9. Section 69 of the said chapter 20 is amended by striking out of the tenth and eleventh lines the words, "which date shall not be later than the fourth Monday of October."

10. Section 72 of the said chapter 20 is amended by striking out of the eleventh line of subsection 1 the word "half," and substituting for subsection 12 the following:

"(12). To transmit to the Superintendent on or before the first day of August in each year a statement of the annual distribution of the county fund, and also by the first day of October a general report of his labors, noting the condition of the schools in his district, and the means of improvement, stating the sections visited where schools did not exist and the results of such visitations, and furnishing therewith such statistical information as the Superintendent may require."

11. Subsection 9 of section 74 of the said chapter 20 is hereby amended by striking out the word "half" in the first line.

12. Subsection 12 of section 74 of the said chapter is hereby amended by substituting for the words "the half-yearly return," in the first and second lines, the words "all returns."

13. The schedule in subsection 12 of section 74 of the said chapter 20 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

SCHEDULE.

I,, a duly licensed teacher of class of the Province of Nova Scotia, do swear that I have taught and conducted the school in School Section No., in accordance with law, for the period of authorized teaching days, from the day of to the day of during the school year ending July, 189...; that the prescribed register has been faithfully and correctly kept by me, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the grand total days' attendance made by the enrolled pupils in the said period was; that my agreement with the trustees is in accordance with the law and regulations, and that there is no collusive understanding by which any portion of the agreement is to be made of no effect.

Sworn to at this day of A.D. 189...
before me, J. P.

14. Section 76 of the said chapter 20 is amended by substituting for "November" in the sixth line the word "August."

15. Section 77 of the said chapter 20 is amended by substituting for "June" in the second and last lines the word "April," and for "November" in the last line the words "the school year."

16. Section 90 of the said chapter 20 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:

"The school year shall begin on the first day of August and end on the last day of July."

17. Section 3 of chapter 31, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, is hereby amended by striking out of the seventh line the word "half."

18. Section 4 of the said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the second line.

19. Section 5 of the said chapter 31 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the first line.

20. Section 3 of chapter 32, Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, is hereby amended by striking out the word "half" in the sixth line.

21. Section 4 of the said chapter 32 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the second line.

22. Section 5 of the said chapter 32 is hereby amended by striking out the syllables "semi" in the first line.

23. Section 7 of chapter 11 of the Acts of 1885 is amended by adding the following clause:

"But nothing in this section shall prevent the payment of the regular Provincial grant to any teacher, teaching full time, whose employment and quota of pupils (not less than an average of twenty) are not necessary to qualify for drawing the County Academy grant payable to Trustees, where such grant is less than the maximum of seventeen hundred and twenty dollars."

24. Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1887, and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

25. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1892, and for all purposes under the Acts respecting Public Instruction, the period between the said first day of November and the last day of July, 1893, shall be held to be three-fourths of a school year.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE "MORE THOROUGH STUDY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ON THE HUMAN SYSTEM."

(Passed the 30th day of April, 1892.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:

1. Appropriate instruction shall be given regularly in the public schools as to the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, including tobacco, and special instruction as to their effect upon the human system in connection with the several divisions of the subjects of relative physiology and hygiene. Such instruction regarding physiological and hygienic laws and the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, shall be given orally from a suitable text-book in the hands of the teacher to pupils unable to read, and such instruction shall be given to all others with text-books in the hands of the pupils, and from text-books as well graded to the capacities of the pupils as other text-books are, and such instruction shall be given as aforesaid to the pupils in all public schools in the province.

2. The text-books to be used for instruction required to be given by the preceding section of this Act shall be prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, who shall notify the secretaries of the respective Boards of Trustees, and of the School Boards of the several incorporated towns and cities within the Province, of the choice of the text-books so selected by them as aforesaid, and said text-books used in the primary or intermediate grades shall give at least one-fourth of their space to the consideration of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics; and the text-books used in the higher grades shall contain at least twenty pages of matter relating to this subject.

3. It shall be the duty of school officers and school inspectors to report to the Council of Public Instruction any failure on the part of the trustees or the teachers of the section under their control to carry out the provisions of this Act. Upon its being shown to the Council of Public Instruction, either by such school inspectors or school officers, or any ratepayer, that any teachers or trustees have failed to carry out the provisions of this Act, any such failure shall be deemed sufficient cause for withholding wholly or in part from any such teacher or trustees, provincial or county grants.

THE MINORS' PROTECTION ACT, 1892.

(Passed the 30th day of April, A. D. 1892.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. Any person who shall sell or give, or cause to be sold or given, any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, to any person, having reasonable cause to believe such person to be under the age of sixteen years, shall on conviction thereof, in a summary way, before any two justices of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars for each offence under this section; and in case of a fine, or a fine and costs being awarded, and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common goal, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

2. Any person who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration to act as the agent of any person under sixteen years of age, in procuring for such person any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, or snuff, or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, or shall supply to any person under sixteen years of age any such cigars, cigarettes, or other form or preparation of tobacco, or opium for smoking or chewing, on the promise of any money or other valuable consideration, shall, on conviction thereof, upon information under oath in a summary way, before any two justices of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars for each offence under this section, and in case of a fine or a fine and costs being awarded and of the same not being upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common goal, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

3. Any person under sixteen years of age who has in his possession, or smokes, or in any way uses, cigarettes, cigars, or tobacco in any form, shall, upon summary conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be subject to a penalty of not more than five dollars for every offence, or to imprisonment in the common goal for any period not exceeding seven days, and in case of a fine being awarded, if the same is not upon conviction forthwith paid, the justice may commit the offender to the common goal, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven days, unless the fine is sooner paid.