

penses of such schools, as determined by the Trustees thereof; Provided that Public School Boards in cities, towns and villages, may, if they deem it expedient, collect from parents and guardians of children attending their school, a sum not exceeding twenty cents per month, per pupil, to defray the cost of text books, stationery and other contingencies.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED BY TRUSTEES.

2. Each School corporation shall provide adequate accommodations for all children of school age in their school division or municipality.

PROVISIONS IN REGARD TO THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO BE EDUCATED.

3. Every child, from the age of seven to twelve years inclusive, shall have the right to attend some school, or be otherwise educated for four months in each year; and any parent or guardian, who does not provide that each child between the ages aforesaid under his care shall attend some school, or be otherwise educated, as thus of right declared, shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided by this Act; Provided nevertheless, that any pupil who shall be adjudged so refractory by the trustees (or a majority of them) and the teacher, that his presence in the School is deemed injurious to the other pupils, may be dismissed from such School, and, where practicable, removed to an Industrial School; Provided that nothing herein shall be held to require any Roman Catholic to attend a public school, or to require a Protestant to attend a Roman Catholic school.

4. It shall be competent for the Police Magistrate of any city or town, and for any Magistrate in any village or township or town, where there is no Police Magistrate, to investigate and decide upon any complaint made by the Trustees, or any person authorized by them, against any parent or Guardian for the violation of this Act, and to impose a fine not exceeding five dollars for the first wilful offence; and double that penalty for each subsequent offence; which fine and penalty shall be enforced as provided in the one hundred and fortieth section of the Consolidated School Act; Provided nevertheless, that the police magistrate or justice shall not be bound to, but may in his discretion, forego to issue the warrant for the imprisonment of the offender as in said section is provided; Provided always, that it shall be the duty of such Magistrate to ascertain, as far as may be, the circumstances of any party complained of, and whether such alleged violation has been wilful, or has been caused by extreme poverty, or ill-health, or too great a distance from any school; and in either of the latter cases, the Magistrate shall not award punishment, but shall report the circumstances to the Trustees of the division in which the offence has occurred.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS IN COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS—THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

5. In each county or union of counties, there shall be one or more School Officers, to be called County Inspectors, who shall have charge of not more than one hundred and twenty, nor less than fifty Schools each; Provided always, that it shall not be necessary to appoint more than one such officer in each riding of a county; And provided further, that in Counties containing any Municipality wherein the French or German language is the common or prevailing language, an Inspector may have charge of any number of schools not less than forty.

6. Each city or town shall be a county for the purposes of this Act; and the Inspector shall be called the City or Town Inspector, and shall possess all the powers of a County Inspector in such city or town, except such as relate to investigating and deciding on School Trustee election complaints, which now by law devolve on the county judge.

7. The qualifications of county, city or town Inspectors shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, which shall determine the time and manner of examination of candidates for certificates of qualification, and grant certificates of qualification; and no one not holding such certificate of qualification shall be eligible to be appointed an Inspector.

8. Each County Council, and each Board of Public School Trustees in a city or town, shall appoint from among those holding the necessary certificate of qualification, one person to be Inspector of Public Schools in such county, city or town; and in counties where there are or shall be more than fifty Public Schools, the County Council may appoint two or more persons, (according to the number of Schools,) holding such certificates, to be Inspectors, and prescribe and number the territorial limits of each; Provided nevertheless, that any County, City or Town Inspector shall be subject

to dismissal at pleasure by the Council or Board appointing him, or by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, (as regards any County Inspector,) for misconduct or inefficiency; and the vacancy thus caused shall be filled from the list of those legally qualified by the Council or Board authorized to appoint such Inspector; Provided likewise, that no Inspector dismissed shall be reappointed, without the concurrence of the party who has dismissed him; And provided furthermore, that in a county where there are two or more County Inspectors, the Council of such county may, from time to time, change or remove such Inspectors from one circuit or riding of the county to another.

9. Each Inspector of Schools so appointed, shall have the oversight of all Public Schools in the townships and villages within the county or union of counties, or part of the county or union of counties for which he shall be appointed, and shall have all the powers in each municipality within his jurisdiction, and be subject to all the obligations conferred or imposed by law, upon "Local Superintendents," and which are conferred or imposed by this Act, according to such instructions as may be given to him, from time to time, by the Chief Superintendent of Education.

10. The remuneration of each City or Town Inspector of Schools shall be determined and provided for by the Board appointing him; the remuneration of the County Inspector shall not be less than five dollars per school per annum, to be paid quarterly, by the County Council, which shall also have authority to determine and provide for the allowance for travelling expenses; Provided also, that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in council to direct the payment, out of the Consolidated Revenue, of an additional sum not exceeding five dollars per school per annum to each County Inspector.

EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

11. Each County Council, and the Board of Public School Trustees in each city, shall appoint a county or city Board of Examiners, (for the examination and licensing of Teachers, in accordance with the regulations provided by law,) consisting of the county or city Inspector (as the case may be,) and two or more other competent persons, whose qualifications shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction; Provided always, that in no such county or city Board of Examiners, the number of members shall exceed five; and in all cases, the majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the payment of their expenses shall be provided for as authorized by the sixteenth section of the School Law Amendment Act of 1860.

12. It shall be the duty of the Council of Public Instruction, from time to time, by a committee of its appointment or otherwise, to prepare and prescribe a programme and papers for the uniform examination and classification of Public School teachers; Provided, that first class certificates of qualifications of teachers shall be awarded by the Council of Public Instruction only, and second and third class certificates by county and city Boards of Examiners only; And provided also, that first and second class certificates, given under the authority of this Act, shall be permanent during the good behaviour of the holders, and valid in all the municipalities of the Province; Provided likewise, that all existing certificates of qualification of teachers shall remain in force in their respective Counties on the terms and conditions of the Act under which they were granted, and that upon their ceasing to be valid as provided by law, they shall be renewed from time to time under the regulations and programmes prepared under the authority of this Act; Provided furthermore, that all Local Superintendents of Schools shall continue in office, and discharge their duties as heretofore, until provision shall be made for the appointment of County Inspectors, under the authority of this Act.

PROVISION FOR TEACHING NATURAL HISTORY, AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY AND MECHANICS.

13. It shall also be the duty of the Council of Public Instruction, by the training of teachers, the programme of studies, the election of text books, and special regulations, to provide for teaching in the public schools, the Elements of Natural History, of Agricultural Chemistry, of Mechanics, and of Agriculture.

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS MAY BE FORMED.

14. The municipal council of any township may, in case a majority of the resident householders and freeholders in two-thirds at least of the several school sections, at public meetings called in each section of the township, shall so desire it, form the township into one School municipality, as is each city and town, and establish a Township Board of Public School Trustees, as provided by the thirty-second section of the Consolidated School Act.