

Common School Ordinance.

8. To transmit, before the 31st December in each year, a Report of the condition of the Schools within the District, together with a statement of all Receipts and Expenditure for School purposes, to the Governor in Council;

9. To make application to the Governor in Council for a Grant of the public money, if required, to aid the establishment or maintenance of a Common School, stating in such application the number of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years resident in the District; the number of pupils likely to attend School, and how many thereof will be able to pay School Fees if required; the mode or manner adopted for the support of the School and School Teacher; the amount likely to be collected; the guarantees for its collection; the amount to be paid to the School Teacher; the sum reserved for furnishing and keeping in order and repair the School premises; and generally all such information as may be required by the Governor in Council.

10. To demand, receive, and account for all moneys collected or payable under any By-Law as aforesaid from the residents of the District, or received from the parents or guardians of children.

VII. If, at the before mentioned Annual Meeting of the free-holders and resident householders it shall be determined by a vote of two-thirds of the number present to levy a Tax in lieu of charging Tuition Fees, the Local Board shall have power, and the same is hereby granted, to pass a By-Law for levying and collecting a Tax not exceeding Two Dollars per head per annum upon all resident householders and male residents above the age of 20 years, in the District. Power to Local Board to levy a tax.

VIII. Every By-Law, when approved of by the Governor, shall have the force of law, and any person liable to pay any Tax made payable thereunder, and refusing to pay the same within seven days after the same shall have become due, may be summoned, at the instance of the Local Board, to appear before the nearest Justice of the Peace, who shall have power to act summarily in the matter, and adjudge the amount of the said Tax, and such costs (to be levied, if necessary, by distress of goods and chattels of the person refusing to pay) as he may think reasonable. Power to enforce payment of tax.

IX. Every such By-Law shall be in force until repealed or amended by a succeeding Local Board, but no such amended By-Law or repeal thereof shall take effect until approved of by the Governor. Repeal or amendment of By-Law.

X. The Governor shall have power, before assenting or refusing to assent to any By-Law, to refer, if he think fit, the same to the residents of the District for their approval or the contrary, and to order their votes to be taken in that behalf. Power to refer By-Law to residents of District.

XI. Upon the receipt of a proper application from the Local Board of any School District, or from the inhabitants of any District, the Governor in Council may, after having taken into consideration such application, appropriate out of the Public School Fund a sum not in any case to exceed Five Hundred Dollars per annum, for the purpose of assisting the payment of a Salary to a School Teacher, and also, if necessary, a further sum to aid in defraying the expense of erecting a School-house or of renting a building or room suitable for the purpose of a Common School, and to order the payment of such sum at such times and in such manner as may be deemed advisable or necessary; provided, always, that such grants shall not be made until the Local Board shall have given satisfactory evidence that the portion promised by the Local Board for the payment of a School Teacher, the erection of buildings, and furnishing and maintenance of the School has been collected and paid, or reasonably secured. Disposal of Common School grant.

XII. It shall be lawful for every Clergyman and Minister of any denomination, at such times, before and after the regular school hours, as shall be approved by the Governor in Council, to visit the Public School of the District in which such Clergyman or Minister is resident or officiates, and impart such religious instruction as he may think proper to the children of his denomination. Clergy may visit.

XIII. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Common School Ordinance, 1869." Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 24th day of February, A. D. 1869.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Presiding Member.

Assented to, on behalf of Her Majesty, this 13th day of March, 1869.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,
Governor.

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