

Free Schools in Nova Scotia

Council, Boards of School Commissioners in the various counties or districts, an Inspector of Schools in each county and a Normal School for the training of teachers.

As teacher's licenses throughout the province were not on any uniform standard, they were all cancelled and new licenses, based on thorough examination, were required.

The school year was divided into two terms, one beginning on the first of November, the other on the first of May. For the appointment of trustees, voting money for the support of the school and other business, the law provided an annual meeting of the rate-payers to be held on a specified day in September of each year. There was no provision made for the election of Trustees except at the annual meeting, so that, in case of neglect at this meeting no means were available for this purpose until the next annual meeting.

The element of assessment made the school law very unpopular in many parts of the country. In some sections no funds were voted at the annual meeting; in others trustees were not elected; in others no meeting was held. These sec-