

theless, from some cause or causes, such general meeting shall have been prevented from taking place on the first Monday in July, and the election in consequence could not be proceeded with, such meeting may be held and the election may take place on any of the ensuing Mondays in the same month : Provided, that if any such election shall have been commenced on the first or any subsequent Monday in July, and shall not have been closed on that same day, it may be continued on the morrow, and the day after the morrow, if necessary, but not longer : Provided, that for the present year the elections to take place, in accordance with this Act, may be made at any time before the first of October next : And provided also, that the time of holding these meetings shall be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five in the afternoon.

Failure of election provided for.

Proviso. Election may be continued two days.

V. And be it enacted, That at such meeting the persons qualified to vote thereat shall elect five School Commissioners, or shall elect the number of Commissioners required to fill the vacancies caused by the retiring of such of the present Commissioners who may go out of office as herein provided for.

Election of School Commissioners.

VI. And be it enacted, That if the choice of the said School Commissioners shall be contested, any three of the electors present may demand a poll, which shall be held in conformity to the regulations established in the Act then in force with regard to the election of Municipal Councillors ; and all contestations with regard to such elections and to the functions and powers assumed by the School Commissioners, or any of them, or their officers, or by any persons claiming to be such Commissioners or officers, may, by any person having authority as Visitor or otherwise over the School in the locality, or by any person assessed for their support, be brought by a petition (*requête libellée*) setting forth the case, of which a copy shall have been served on the parties concerned, before the Court of Queen's Bench for the District, sitting in Superior or Inferior Term, or before the nearest Circuit Court, and shall there be determined in a summary manner on the evidence which shall be adduced.

Poll may be demanded.

How contestations shall be decided.

VII. And be it enacted, That the School Commissioners elected in the general meeting, or appointed by the Governor or Superintendent of Schools, as above mentioned, shall remain in office for three years, except that after the first election or nomination of a Board of Commissioners, two of them (to be determined by lot) shall go out of office at the end of one year,

Period during which School Commissioners shall serve.