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THE CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SCHOOL ACT FOR ONTARIO.

With which is incorporated the School Law Amendment Act of 1860, and the School Law Improvement Act of 1871.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :—

Existing School Organizations continued.

1. All public school sections or other public school divisions, together with all elections and appointments to office, all agreements, contracts, assessments, and rate-bills, heretofore duly made in relation to public schools, and existing when this Act comes into force, shall continue subject to the provisions of this Act.

2. The term, for which each school trustee who holds office at the time this Act takes effect, shall continue as if such term had commenced by virtue of an election under this Act ; and on the *Second Wednesday in January* next, after this Act takes effect, the trustee or trustees whose term of office then expires, shall retire from office, but may, with his or their own consent, be re-elected under the provisions of this Act.

Annual Election on the Second Wednesday in January.

3. The annual meetings for the election of school trustees, as hereinafter provided, shall be held in all the cities, towns, townships, and villages of Ontario, on the *Second Wednesday in January*, in each year, commencing at the hour of *ten* of the clock in the forenoon.

[3½. *The School Law Amendment Act of 1860 further enacts, that—*4. The poll at every election of a school trustee or trustees shall not close before *eleven* of the clock in the forenoon, and shall not be kept open later than *four* of the clock in the

afternoon. In (rural) school sections, the poll shall close on the same day the election is commenced ; in cities, towns, and incorporated villages, the same time shall be allowed for the election of school trustees which is allowed for the election of municipal councillors.]

PART I.—TRUSTEES OF RURAL SCHOOL SECTIONS.

Trustees' Term of Office.

4. For each township school section, there shall be *three* trustees, each of whom, after the first election of trustees, shall hold office for *three* years, and until his successor has been elected.

5. Any trustee elected to fill an occasional vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the person in whose place he has been elected.

Trustees not to hold certain Offices.

6. And no trustee of a school section shall hold the office of County Inspector, or of a teacher, within the section of which he is a trustee.

[6½. *The School Law Amendment Act of 1860 further enacts as follows :—*11. * * Nor shall any teacher or County Inspector hold the office of trustee ;

Six Months' Non-residence vacates Office.

And a continuous non-residence of *six* months from his school section, by any trustee, shall cause the vacation of his office. *Note.*—This relates to a trustee who has not yet removed his family or domicile from the section, but who is himself absent for six months.

Proceedings on the formation of a new School.

7. Whenever a school section is formed in any township, as provided in the *thirty-ninth* section of this Act, the clerk of the township shall give notice to the person appointed to call the *first* school meeting for the election of trustees, of the description and number of such school section.

A Meeting in New Section to be called within Twenty Days.

8. The person so appointed shall, within *twenty* days after receiving such notice, prepare a notice in writing, describing such