IV. Amendments to the School Law.

The following Act to amend the general law of the Province concerning public schools, passed during the late session of parliament, is published for the information of school officers and the people generally :—

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ACT FOR THE BETTER ENCOURAGEMENT OF EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. The several Boards of Commissioners shall have power at the semi-annual meeting in May of each year, by vote of at least two-thirds present thereat, to unite two or more School Sections into one School Section, on a petition addressed to the Board of Commissioners by a majority of the rate-payers of each of the sections, setting forth that they have agreed among themselves for the terms on which the existing liabilities shall be borne by the rate-payers in the several sections.

2. The union shall take effect on the day fixed by law for the next Annual School Meeting thereafter, notice of which meeting shall be issued by a County Inspector; and such meeting shall elect a board of Trustees for the new section.

3. The Council of Public Instruction shall be empowered to appoint four qualified persons to constitute a Provincial Board of Examiners, to examine and report upon the written exercises of all candidates for license to teach in the Public Schools of this Province. The Council shall also have power to prescribe the mode in which examinations shall be conducted, to designate the times and places at which candidates shall present themselves for examination, and to make such further arrangements as may be necessary, in order to ensure the uniform classification and licensing of teachers. The Examiners so appointed shall be paid at the rate of five cents for each paper submitted for their judgment, provided the said payment shall not exceed an average of seventy-five cents per candidate for licenses of the several grades, and the person appointed to conduct the examination in each county shall be paid a sum not exceeding three dollars per diem while actually engaged in the duty. The foregoing provisions shall be in lieu of those contained in the "Act for the better encouragement of Education," respecting Provincial and District Examiners.

4. In cases where the number of rate-payers in any School Section exceeds twelve, the Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to receive twenty-five cents for affixing to the Trustees' list the amount of real and personal property, for which the rate-payers of the section are assessed in the County rate roll.

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5. Every male person of full age, having been resident in the City six months or upwards immediately previous to the levying of the assessment in any year, not being assessed to the amount of one dollar for the support of Public Schools in respect of real or personal property, shall be assessed in the sum of one dollar for the support of such schools during the year; but the City Council shall have power to exempt from the payment of such assessment any person whom they may deem unable to pay the same; and upon the production to the presiding officer of the receipt for such payment the holder thereof shall be entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen at any election in the Ward wherein such party resides, for the year wherein such payment shall have been made.

6. The words "real and personal property within the County, of the residents of the section," in the third clause of the Act of 1866, to amend the Act for the better encouragement of Education, applies, and shall be understood to apply, to property lying in the City of Halifax, the owner whereof resides in Dartmouth or other School Section in the County; and the words "to be levied and collected from the inhabitants thereof," in clause 19 (4) of the said Act, applies, and shall be understood to apply, to property lying within the County, the owner whereof resides in the City; and on the payment of the required fee, the City Assessor shall furnish to the Trustees of Dartmouth, or other School Section, and the Clerk of the Peace for the County shall furnish to the City Assessor, the information necessary, in order to give effect to this provision. Any person who may have been assessed both in the City and in Dartmouth, or other School Section, in respect of the same property, shall be entitled to receive back the amount paid by him either in the city or in Dartmouth, or other school section, as the case may be, in accordance with the foregoing construction of the law.

7. The Superintendent of Education shall be empowered to pay quarterly, to the Board of Commissioners, the grants provided by law for Teachers and Assistants employed in the City.

8. The Board of Commissioners for the City shall be empowered to dispose of debentures authorized under the Act hereby amended, at current rates.

9. The Board of Commissioners for the City shall be entitled to receive a sum, in no case to exceed a thousand dollars annually, as remuneration for their services; such remuneration to be apportioned according to the promptness and regularity of the attendance of the members of the Board, and the amount of labour performed by each, as the Board may decide.

On page 20 of the "Law concerning Public Schools," now in the hands of Trustees, the following general act, passed in 1866, will be found:—

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SCHOOL HOUSES IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

In all cases wherein a school house has been built within any section, and is owned in shares, it shall be competent for the majority in interest of the owners of shares to sell and dispose of the same to the section at any meeting duly held after ten days' notice of the object thereof, at such price as this meeting shall determine, or as may be realized at a public sale thereof duly advertized, and the proceeds of sale shall be divided among the proprietors in proportion to their shares in interest in the property.

During the late sesion of Parliament the following amendment to this Act was made:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SCHOOL HOUSES IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

Where the land on which any School House is situate, belongs to the same parties who own the house, the land as well as the House may be sold under the provisions of the Act hereby amended.

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V. Additional Text-Books.

The Council of Public Instruction has directed that White's Junior Scholar's Latin-English Dictionary, Liddell & Scott's Greek-English Lexicon (abridged), Yonge's English-Greek Lexicon, and Contanseau's French-English and English-French Dictionary, be added to the list of Prescribed Text-Books.

May, 1867.

VI. The procuring of Books and Apparatus.

1. WHEREAS, by the 20th Section of the Amended School Law, the rate-payers of each school section are empowered to assess themselves for the purchase of prescribed School Books, Maps, and Apparatus; and WHEREAS, by the 15th subdivision of the 6th section of the said law, an annual Provincial Grant is provided to enable the Superintendent of Education to furnish the above articles at half their cost, to School Trustees,—

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the Superintendent of Education will furnish, as below, School Books, Maps, and Apparatus, to the extent of the Provincial Grant in aid of the same.

2. Trustees must carefully comply with the following Regulations:—

Reg. 1.—Applications must be made in the following form, and addressed to Messrs. A. & W. MACKINLAY, HALIFAX, who have been duly authorized to attend to all orders.

(FORM OF APPLICATION.)

(Date)

Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay,
Halifax.

SIRS,—We enclose *(or forward by ——)* the sum of $——, for which you will please send us the following articles provided by the Superintendent of Education for use in the public schools. The parcel is to be addressed——*(here give the address in full)* and forwarded by——*(here state the name of the person, express company, or vessel; and, if by vessel, direct the parcel to be insured, if so desired.)*

LIST OF ARTICLES.

(Here specify distinctly the Books, Maps, &c., required, and the quantity of each sort.)

We certify that each and all of the articles named in the above list are required for use in the Public School (or Schools) under our control, and for no other purpose whatsoever; and we engage strictly to carry out the Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction for the management and preservation of school books and apparatus.

(Signed) ——— } *Trustees of——School Section, in the County of——*

Reg. 2.—Any application not accompanied with the money will not be attended to.

Reg. 3.—All costs and risk of transportation of parcels must be borne by Trustees, (*i. e.* by the Sections on behalf of which they act, and not by the Educational Department.)

☞ If Trustees so direct in their application, goods (except Globes,) transported by *water* will be insured for the amount paid for the same by them, at the following rates:—

Parcels shipped during the First Term of the School year, 2½ per ct.
" " Second Term " " 1½ per ct.

Trustees must forward with their application the amount required to effect the insurance, otherwise parcels will not be insured. No charge will be made for policies.

Reg. 4.—Applications will, as far as the articles in stock and the annual grant permit, receive attention in the order of their receipt.

3. The following are the regulations of the Council of Public Instruction with reference to all Books, Maps, and Apparatus furnished to Trustees, under the operation of Sec. 6 (15) of the law concerning Public School:—

Reg. 1.—They shall be the property of the School Section, and not of private individuals (except as specified in Reg. 5.)

Reg 2.—Any pupil shall be entitled, free of charge, to the use of such school books as the teacher may deem necessary.

Reg. 3.—Any pupil shall have the privilege of taking home with him any books, &c., which, in the opinion of the teacher, may be required for study or use out of school.

Reg. 4.—Pupils, or their parents or guardians, shall be responsible for any damage done to books beyond reasonable wear and tear.

Reg. 5.—Any pupil desiring it, may be allowed to purchase from the trustees the books required by him, provided the same be done without prejudice to the claims of other pupils; the price to be, in all cases, the same as advertised in the official notice published from time to time in the *Journal of Education*. No pupil who has been allowed to purchase a book shall have any claim on the trustees for the free use of another of the same kind.

Reg. 6.—Any section neglecting to provide a sufficient supply of books, maps, and apparatus, may be deprived of the public grants.

Reg. 7.—Trustees shall make such further regulations, agreeably to law, as may be necessary to ensure the careful use and preservation of books, maps, and apparatus belonging to the section.

Any section infringing in any way upon the above regulations will forfeit the privilege of purchasing books, &c., at half cost.

4. LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS, MAPS AND APPARATUS.

☞ The following list of Books will be extended, and other articles of apparatus included as the fund at the disposal of the Superintendent permits. The Wall-Maps (including one of the United States) now in course of preparation, under the supervision of the Educational Department, will be added to the list as soon as published.

THE NOVA SCOTIA SERIES OF READING BOOKS.

Book No. 1	$0.22½ doz.		Book No. 6	$0.17 ea.	
" 2	0.50 "		" 7	0.23 "	
" 3	0.06 each.		The art of Teaching Reading	0.07½ "	*Or,*
" 4	0.10 "		Bailey's Brief Treatise on Elocution	0.05 "	
" 5	0.11 "				

SPELLING BOOK.

The Spelling Book Superseded, (Rev. Ed.) 8½ cents each.

GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION.

English Grammar.*
Morell's Analysis, 5 cents each.
Reid's Rudiments of Composition, 20 cents each.
Bain's Rhetoric, 40 cents each.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic.—Nova Scotia Elementary Arithmetic, ... 10 cents each.
Nova Scotia (advanced) Arithmetic.....15 " "
Nova Scotia Arithmetical Table Book.....19 " doz.