

THE SCHOOLS.

The public schools are divided into elementary schools, model schools, and academies. Some of the public schools are said to be "under control," the others are said to be "subsidized." "Schools under control" are those in which the teachers are engaged and paid by the school commissioners or trustees. "Subsidized schools" are those not under control, which receive a grant from the Government or from school commissioners or trustees.

In order to interest the people more deeply in the schools, and to give more unity and strength to the system, the legislature has grafted it on to the parish organization, thus incorporating such parish three times, (a) for church affairs, (b) for municipal affairs, (c) for school affairs. Generally speaking, therefore, each parish is incorporated as a school municipality and has one or more schools controlled by school commissioners, or by trustees in municipalities where dissentient schools are established. School municipalities are erected at the request of the interested parties, by an order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The school commissioners and trustees in each municipality form separate corporations, but any powers conferred, or any duties imposed on school commissioners, apply also to school trustees.

Boards of school commissioners are composed of five members, and boards of trustees for dissentient schools of three. They are elected for three years by the proprietors of real estate paying taxes or monthly fees. The formalities required for the election of commissioners and trustees are somewhat similar to those required for the election of municipal councillors.

All voters resident in the school municipality and the clergymen of all religious denominations ministering in it, are eligible as commissioners or trustees.

Any election of school commissioner or trustee may be contested on the ground of violence, corruption or fraud.

For the municipalities in which no election of school commissioners or trustees has taken place within the time prescribed, the Lieutenant-Governor may, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint commissioners or trustees. The duties

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