

but it shall always be competent for existing Trustees to complete the business of the closing school year.

20. Where any section, at the time fixed for the annual meeting, fails to elect three Trustees, or to fill the annual vacancy occurring in the Trusteeship, or vacancies from other causes, the Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed upon the written requisition of seven rate-payers in the section, by the Commissioners of Schools for the district in which the school-house is situate, or in which a majority of the rate-payers of the section reside; and where any Trustee or Trustees have been elected, and refuse to act, or shall neglect the performance of duty for twenty days after such election, the Board of Commissioners shall, with or without a requisition, appoint Trustees, or a Trustee, in place of the persons or person so refusing to act; and in case any person, appointed by the Board of Commissioners as a Trustee, shall refuse or neglect to act as aforesaid, the Board of Commissioners shall make such further appointments as may be necessary to fill any such vacancy; and any Board of Trustees, thus secured, shall, as soon as practicable, convene a meeting of the rate-payers of the section as provided for the annual meeting, and such meeting shall transact all business, except the election of Trustees, required of the annual meeting, and in the same manner.

21. Any person holding the office of Trustee of Schools, in any section, who shall become insolvent or assign his property for the benefit of his creditors, or become permanently unfitted for business, or shall cease to reside in the section, shall thereupon cease to hold such office of Trustee, and the other Trustees shall call a meeting for the election of a new Trustee in his stead, as provided in the case of extraordinary vacancies.

22. Any person elected or appointed a Trustee, not being a Commissioner of Schools, and refusing to act, or any Trustee who, having accepted office, shall not perform the duties thereof, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, to be collected by any rate-payer in the section; said sum to be payable to the Inspector, or his order, and applied by the Superintendent of Education to the purchase of school books, maps, or apparatus.

[The Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax exercise all powers and perform all the duties of Trustees within and for that School section.]

23. The Trustees of each section shall be a body corporate for the prosecution and defence of all actions relating to the school or its affairs, and other necessary purposes, under the title of The Trustees of School Section No. —, in the district [or districts] of —.

[The duties of the Trustees in relation to each subject will be found specified under such subject.]