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PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATE CANCELLED.

THE Second Class Provincial Certificate, Grade B, granted on the 15th June, 1866, to REUBEN KEARN, has for good cause been revoked by the Chief Superintendent of Education, under the authority of the Consolidated Common School Act, 22 Vic. chap. 64, sec. 107, and of the School Law amendment Act, 23 Vic. chap. 219, sec. 22, said certificate having been first suspended by the Local Superintendent.

Trustees will accordingly take notice that the said Reuben Kearns lately teaching in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, no longer holds a Provincial Certificate of any class or grade qualifying him to teach a Common School in any part of the Province of Ontario.

(Certified.) ALEXANDER MARLING,
Registrar.

Education Office,
Toronto, 30th November, 1869.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS, 12TH JANUARY.

As the time for the Annual Meetings in the various School Sections and Municipalities is near at hand, we append a summary of the law on the subject, with a few general remarks.

I. IN RURAL SCHOOL SECTIONS.

1. *Day.*—The day fixed by Statute for the Annual School Meetings throughout the Province is the Second Wednesday of January, which this year falls on the 12th, and the hour at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The proceedings cannot close before eleven o'clock, nor be kept open after four o'clock, p.m. of that day. They cannot stand over till the following day.

2. *Notice of Meeting.*—Three public notices, to be posted in as many conspicuous places in the School Section, should be issued by the Trustees at least six clear days before the day of meeting, that is not later than the 6th of January. These notices should state the *place* of meeting, and all the business to be brought forward. The Trustees' corporate seal need not be affixed to these notices. Should the meeting fail to be held for want of notice, any two ratepayers, or the Local Superintendent, may call a School Meeting within twenty days after the 12th of January.

3. *Who are Electors.*—Every School ratepayer of the Section, whether resident or non-resident, who has paid a County, Township, or Section, School Tax, during the year, and who is not a supporter of a Separate School, has a right to be present and vote. In case any one objects to an elector's right to vote, the Chairman should require the elector to make a declaration of that right in the form prescribed by the Statute. On doing so, his vote is to be received without further question.

4. *Chairman and Secretary.*—The first thing to be done before proceeding to other business is the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman must be one of the electors present at the meeting. The Secretary may be the teacher of the Section, or any other competent person. The duties of the Chairman are (1) to keep order; (2) to decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting; (3) to give a casting vote (but no other); (4) to take the votes *in any manner desired by two electors present*; (5) to receive the verbal declaration of office (in the words of the Statute) by the Trustee elect; and (6) to transmit to the Local Superintendent a copy of the proceedings of the meeting, signed by himself and the Secretary, under a penalty of five dollars for neglecting to do so. The duties of the Secretary are (1) to make a correct minute of the proceedings; (2) to sign them for transmission to the Local Superintendent; and (3) to receive the declaration of office of the Chairman, in case he should be elected Trustee.

5. *Business.*—After appointing a Chairman and Secretary, the first business before electing a new Trustee, is the reading of the School Auditors' Report for the past year for the information of the meeting. Unless the auditors cannot agree as to the *legality*, (not the propriety or expediency) of any item of expenditure on the part of the Trustees, and refer it to the decision