

ORDERED, 'That in cases where the parents or guardians of children in actual attendance on any public school or (department) signify in writing to the Trustees their conscientious objection to any portion of such devotional exercises as may be conducted therein under the sanction of the Trustees, such devotional exercises shall either be so modified as not to offend the religious feelings of those so objecting, or shall be held immediately before the time fixed for the opening or after the time fixed for the close of the daily work of the school; and no children whose parents or guardians signify conscientious objections thereto, shall be required to be present during such devotional exercise.

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3. "The hours of teaching shall not exceed six each day, exclusive of the hour allowed at noon for recreation. Trustees, however, may determine upon a less number of hours. A short recess should be allowed about the middle of both, the morning and afternoon session. In elementary departments, especially Trustees should exercise special care that the children are not confined in the school room too long.—See *Manual of Laws and Regulations for Public Schools*, p. 32, sec. 10.

V. Bond of Secretary to Trustees.

"The Secretary of the Trustees shall give a bond to Her Majesty, with two sureties, in a sum at least equal to that to be raised by the section during the year, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and the same shall be lodged by the Trustees with the Clerk of the Peace for the county or district.—*Manual of School Law*, p. 6, sec. 25.

This bond is to be given annually, or whenever a Secretary is appointed, and Trustees should not fail to forward it by mail or otherwise, to the Clerk of the Peace, immediately after they have appointed their Secretary. The following is a proper form of bond:—

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Know all men by these Presents, That we, (*name of Secretary*), as principal, and (*name of sureties*), as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, &c., in the sum of of lawful money of Nova Scotia, to be paid to our said Lady, the Queen, her heirs and successors, for the true payment whereof, we bind ourselves, and each of us by himself, for the whole and every part thereof, and the heirs, executors and administrators of us and each of us, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and and in the year of Her Majesty's reign.

Whereas, the said has been duly appointed to be Secretary to the Board of Trustees of School Section, No. in the District of

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the said (*name of Secretary*) do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, during his continuance in the said office, well and faithfully perform all such acts and duties as do or may hereafter appertain to the said office, by virtue of any law of this Province, in relation to the said office of Secretary to Trustees, and shall in all respects conform to and observe all such rules, orders, and regulations as are now or may be from time to time established for or in respect of the said office, and shall well and faithfully keep all such accounts, books and papers as are or may be required to be kept by him in his said office, and shall in all respects well and faithfully perform and execute the duties of the said office; and if on ceasing to hold the said office, he shall forthwith, on demand, hand over to the Trustees of the said School Section, or to his successor in office, all books, papers, moneys, accounts, and other property in his possession by virtue of his said office of Secretary—then the said obligation to be void—otherwise to be and continue in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered } [*Name of Secretary*] (Seal)
in the presence of } [*Names of Sureties*] (Seals)

[*Name of Witness*]

We, the subscribers, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of, do certify our approbation of [*name of Sureties*] within named, as sureties for the within named [*name of Secretary*] and that they are to the best of our knowledge and belief persons of estate and property in the said County of and of good character and credit, and sufficiently able to pay, if required, the penalty of the within bond.

Given under our hands this day of, A. D. 16

[*Names of Magistrates.*]

VI. An Act to alter and Amend Chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Instruction," and the Acts in amendment Thereof.

(Passed 18th day of April, 1872).

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

1. The existing provision for the sectional assessment of property held by corporations and companies, mean, and shall be understood to mean, that all such property is liable to assessment in and for the benefit of the section wherein it lies, and after the thirty-first day of October, A.D., 1872, these provisions shall extend and apply to all rateable property held by any association, company or firm, whether incorporated or otherwise; that is to say, the assessment payable directly by the association, company or firm in respect of any property, shall be paid in and for the benefit of the section where the property lies; and if any portion of the rateable property of any association, company or firm lies in a place not embraced in any school section such portion shall be treated in all respects as if situate in the section where the chief works and business of the association, company or firm are established.

2. In any case where, owing to neglect on the part of the assessors, the County roll does not afford the information necessary for the purpose of this Act, the Trustees shall request the Clerk of the Peace to refer the Roll back to the assessors for correction or amendment.

3. The following words are added at the end of the fourth sub-section of section 35 of chapter 29 of the Acts of 1855, entitled "An Act for the better encouragement of Education," that is to say, and in case the three nearest Commissioners do not agree to the site of a school house the matter shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners for the District or County in which the school is situate, and their decision shall be final. In cases of border sections where the nearest Commissioners do not agree, it shall be referred to the County Inspector, subject to an appeal to the Superintendent of Education, whose decision shall be final.

4. The seventh section of chapter 3 of the Acts of 1866, entitled "An Act to amend the existing laws relating to Education" is amended by substituting the words "Five hundred dollars" for the words "One thousand dollars" in each section.

5. Section 7 of chapter 30 of the Acts of 1866, entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the better encouragement of Education," is repealed, and the following section substituted therefor:

"The Council of Public Instruction shall have power to draw annually from the Provincial Treasury such sum as shall be necessary for the publication of an Educational Journal, a copy of which shall be supplied gratuitously to each Board of Trustees for their own and the teachers' use, and also to each inspector and each chairman of examiners and of commissioners.

6. No county in this Province shall be permitted to draw more than six hundred dollars in any one year for assistance to poor districts except in cases where the academy grant is not drawn, in which case the counties shall be permitted to draw the amount of the academy grant in addition to such sum of six hundred dollars, but no more. No section employing a teacher holding a first-class license shall receive any assistance as a poor section.

7. The meeting required to be held by section 25 of chapter 20 of the Acts of 1865, "An Act for the better encouragement of Education," shall be held on the last Monday in September in each year, instead of on the third Monday in October as prescribed in such section.

8. So much of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes and of the Acts in amendment thereof as is inconsistent with this Act is repealed.

9. Nothing in the first two sections of this Act contained shall apply to the school sections in the town of Yarmouth.

By section 5 of the Act to alter and amend chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, the Government appropriation to aid in the purchase of School Books has ceased. We would, therefore, specially direct the attention of Trustees and booksellers to this revised section. The Council of Public Instruction will, as heretofore, prescribe the books to be used in the Public Schools, but will not aid in their purchase.

Also, by section 7 of the above amendment, the time for holding the annual school meetings is changed. This meeting in future will be held on the last Monday in September, instead of on the third Monday in October as heretofore.

In a former number of this Journal we made some remarks on the Hon. C. Campbell's amendment of sect. No. 26 of the School Law—which substitutes the word *twice* for *five* in the above named section. When the amendment was introduced it was designed, as we believed, to apply to all the counties, but in its passage through the House, was objected to, and restricted to Digby. We were not aware of this till lately, the amendment not having been printed.

We cannot but express a regret that the benefit granted to Digby should not have been bestowed on the entire Province, and