

(5) The word "company" in this section shall mean and include any body corporate.

53.—(1) The trustees of separate schools forming a body corporate shall have the power to levy and collect school rates or subscriptions, upon and from persons sending children to, or subscribing towards the support of such schools, and shall, for the purpose of collecting the school rates or subscriptions, have all the powers in respect of separate schools that the collectors of taxes in municipalities have and possess under the provisions of *The Municipal Act*.

(2) If the collector appointed by the trustees of a separate school is unable to collect any school rates, the trustees shall make a return to the clerk of the municipality before the end of the then current year, of the parcels of land and the uncollected rates thereon.

(3) The clerk of the municipality shall make a return to the county, city, town or village treasurer of such lands, and the arrears of separate school rates thereon.

(4) The arrears shall be collected and accounted for by the treasurer in the same manner as the arrears of other taxes.

(5) The municipality in which the separate school is situate, shall make up the deficiency arising from uncollected rates on land liable to assessment out of the general funds of the municipality.

54. The clerk or other officer of a municipality within or adjoining which a separate school is established, having possession of the assessor's or collector's roll, shall allow any one of the trustees or their authorized collector to make a copy of the roll.

55. It shall be the duty of every municipal council, if requested by the trustees of a separate school at or before the meeting of the council in the month of August in any year, to cause to be levied and collected in each year, upon the taxable property liable to pay the same, all sums of money for rates or taxes legally imposed thereon in respect of separate schools, and the said rates, when collected, shall within a reasonable time thereafter, and not later than the fourteenth day of December in each year, be paid over to the trustees, without any deduction whatever.

56. Any board of separate school trustees, and the council of any municipality (three-fifths of whose members are not separate school supporters), may enter into an agreement for a term of years, that for each year of the said term, and at such times and in such sums as may be agreed upon, there shall in lieu of the amount to be levied and collected, be paid by the municipality to the board a fixed proportion of the total amount levied and collected for both public and separate school purposes; and if in any year the rate of assessment for separate school purposes is not the same as that levied for public school purposes, then the agreement shall not be in force for such year. Any agreement made as aforesaid may be determined at the end of any calendar year by giving six months' notice by one of the parties to the other party.