

which shall be final, and whoever shall be adjudged debtor shall pay without delay to the proper person, the amount for which he shall have been declared debtor, and, in default of payment, legal proceedings shall be instituted to render the said decision executory; provided always, that nothing contained in this act shall prevent the superintendent, or school commissioners or trustees from proceeding under the act 40 Vict., cap. 22, section 36, if they consider it preferable.

The said judgment of the superintendent shall establish the amount of the costs and expenses of the said inspector.

18. Every secretary-treasurer in office or who has vacated that office, who shall have accounted to the school commissioners or trustees who have appointed him, but whose accounts shall not have been admitted, or who shall have been prevented from so accounting by any cause whatsoever beyond his control, may, by written notice served upon their chairman by a bailiff, call upon the commissioners or trustees to appoint, within eight days, an auditor, to examine and audit the said accounts, and if he be so appointed the said auditor shall proceed in the manner provided in and by this act, and in default of the school commissioners or trustees making such appointment, or in default of the person so appointed taking proceedings, the said secretary-treasurer shall apply by petition to the superintendent, who shall then proceed in the manner provided by this act and by the preceding sections.

19. Section 36 of the act 40 Vict., chap. 22, is amended, by adding the following, as forming part thereof:

"2. The superintendent may also sue in his own name any secretary-treasurer in office or out of office, for the recovery from him of any sum of money which he may still owe to any school corporation, arising from the collection of school taxes, monthly fees or other school dues during the term of his office, if the commissioners neglect to do it themselves after having been put in default so to do, in the manner laid down in this section and with the same effect."

20. In all cases in which an inspector of schools is appointed by the superintendent, to make any inspection, inquiry or investigation, the travelling expenses and other disbursements of said inspector shall be paid by the party whom the superintendent shall name in his judgment upon the report of the said inspector, unless such inspection, inquiry or investigation takes place at the time of the ordinary visit of such inspector to the schools of the municipality where he has to make such inspection, inquiry or investigation.

21. Sub-section 3 of section 72 of cap. 15 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, and section 38 of the act 40 Vict., cap. 22, are hereby repealed, and replaced by the following:

"3. To keep registers of their proceedings signed, for each sitting, by the chairman and the secretary-treasurer:"

"4. To keep account books of the form and according to the forms which shall have been established by the superintendent and not otherwise;"

"5. To afford communication of such accounts to those who contribute towards the maintenance of the school, at suitable hours, and in accordance with the conditions which shall have been established by the school commissioners or trustees, or in their default, by the superintendent."

22. If, by the erection of new municipalities, the municipality from which they are formed cease to exist, the superintendent, shall appoint the school inspector or other person to proceed to the examination of the accounts of the old municipality, after a written

notice of at least eight days shall have been given to the school commissioners or trustees of the new municipalities to take steps to be represented at such examination.

A report on the result of such examination shall be made to the superintendent, who shall give his decision on such examination, and his decision shall have the effect of a judgment of arbitration between all parties and shall be final.

By such decision he may authorize one of the new school corporations above mentioned to collect the arrears and to pay the debts of the original corporation.

If, after payment of all debts, a balance remain, this balance shall be divided between the new municipalities, according to their respective valuations as shown on the last valuation roll of the old municipality. If on the contrary there is a deficit, each municipality shall be likewise held to liquidate its share according to the same rule and to take, without delay, the steps necessary to effect the same.

23. Sections 29 and 30 of 40 Vict., cap. 22, are repealed and the following are substituted thereto:

"29. A depository of books, maps, publications, models, specimens, apparatus and other school necessities having been established in the department of public instruction, the same may be sold by the superintendent to any school municipality, school, educational establishment, teacher, clergyman or bookseller applying therefor, and the school commissioners or trustees shall pay the price of such purchases out of the school taxes which they shall increase in consequence thereof, if it be necessary, or by any other means the superintendent may prescribe, by rules to that effect approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; they shall then distribute gratuitously the said necessities, in conformity with the said rules, to the children attending the schools maintained under their control."

"30. The school commissioners or trustees may, in the course of the months of July and August of each year, or at any other time, address a requisition to the superintendent for such books and other school necessities or they may require for their schools, and those articles shall be forwarded to them without delay."

24. If a school municipality is abolished and its territory, annexed to an adjoining municipality, all the documents and property of the municipality so abolished shall become the property of the municipality to which such territory shall have been annexed, saving all rights of indemnity or other rights which shall be established by the commissioners or trustees of the latter municipality and in their default, by the superintendent, according to law.

25. If in any municipality the minority has declared itself to be dissentient and subsequently the number of dissentients increases and becomes the majority, the dissentients shall in consequence thereof, have a right to themselves, that is to say to elect in usual manner five commissioners in the month of July. On the other hand, the former majority having the minority, may declare itself to be dissentient, and may elect three trustees for the management of its schools affairs.

26. Section 77 of chapter 15 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, is amended by adding after sub-section 2 the following provision:

"3. Every educational institution receiving no grant from the corporation or municipality in which they are situated, and the land on which they are erected, and its dependencies, shall be exempt from municipal and school taxes, whatever may be the act or charter under which such taxes are imposed, notwithstanding all provisions in the contrary."

27. The monthly contribution, the amount of which