

## The Public Schools Act

Synopsis of Some of the Principal Provisions of Proposed Measure.

### Several Important Changes in the School System Contemplated.

The following are some of the principal provisions of the Public Schools Act, introduced in the legislature yesterday: City school districts shall be divided into three classes, as follows: City school districts of the first class, including all incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 1,000 for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Victoria and Nanaimo;

City school districts of the second class, including all incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 250 for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster and Rossland; City school districts of the third class, including all incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance falls below 250 for the school year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Columbia, Cumberland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Kaslo, Phoenix, Revelstoke, Vernon and the town of Wellington;

All cities and towns that may hereafter be incorporated from time to time shall also be included in one or other of these three classes: Provided, however, that no city or town shall be transferred from one class to another, except during the month of July, and then only with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

The government grant to cities will be graded as follows: A per capita grant of \$13 for cities of the first class, \$15 for cities of the second class, and \$20 for cities and towns of the third class. For annual, based on the average actual daily attendance of pupils, shall be paid quarterly by the minister of finance, to each of the municipal corporations of the first, second and third class, respectively. In cities in which there is a high school there shall be paid each year the additional sum of \$10,000 for each high school teacher employed.

#### SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

For each of the school districts of the first class there shall be five trustees; for each of the school districts of the second class there shall be five trustees; and for each of the school districts of the third class there shall be five trustees.

## Why Clergymen Speak

In Favor of

## PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

Such Testimony Should Be Convincing.

No Other Remedy Has Ever Received Such Strong Ministerial Support.

As a Spring Medicine Paine's Celery Compound Has No Equal.

Edward E. Phelps, M.D., LL.D., a physician of unusual talent and prominence, a professor of anatomy and surgery and a lecturer on materia medica and medical botany, gave the following testimony in his famous prescription, Paine's Celery Compound. "Clergymen and medical men have contributed their praise and testimony to the wonderful cures effected by Paine's Celery Compound in their own homes as well as in the homes of their people. Extracts from a few of the letters sent in must have a happy influence on thousands who are now suffering from various ailments, and anxiously looking for renewed health."

Rev. J. D. Leishman, Angus, Ont., says: "I have always found Paine's Celery Compound an excellent nerve tonic, and have frequently resorted to it to persons suffering from nervous debility and sleeplessness. It also purifies the blood and revivifies the system. Give it a fair trial and it will in every case be found helpful."

Rev. Dr. Wilson, St. John, N.B., says: "I was induced to try Paine's Celery Compound, and it affords me very great pleasure to be able to say that I have been greatly helped thereby, and regard it as the best medicine I know of anything of. I wish you success in your good work of saving the bodies of your fellow men."

Rev. J. A. Gravel, Vicar-General of Montreal, One, writes that: "I am perfectly in a position to declare that for the last four months I have made constant use of Paine's Celery Compound, and that I have obtained therefrom the best results for plethoric depression or prostration of the nervous system. It gives me a new lease of life. It is the best restorative I know of."

Rev. Mr. Roux, of St. Anne's Church, Montreal, writes: "I am fully convinced, both by personal experience and by the statements of many of my parishioners, that Paine's Celery Compound, therefore, with all the praise and testimonials already given in the 'Bible'."

## The City's Statutes

Review of Principal Changes in the By-Laws as Now in Effect.

### Over Two Hundred District Civic Laws Consolidated into Thirty-Four.

That magnum opus, the consolidation of the city's by-laws, which has occupied the time and attention of the Mayor and Aldermen for some months, is now completed, and with the expiry of the usual time of notice, will become the law of the city. The consolidation has had the effect of greatly reducing the number of by-laws on certain subjects into one. This has happened in several instances. Upwards of 200 by-laws have been consolidated into 34 distinct enactments, each being known under its distinctive title only. The numbers begin with 320. The revision of the by-laws being then up to the end of 1900, and in all cases the work has been done, with certain exceptions of course, by endeavoring to reproduce the already existing by-laws with as little alteration as possible and at the same time make them conform to the present state of the laws and the established practice. Uniformity of expression has also been aimed at. A complete list of all existing by-laws dealt with and the method in which they have been consolidated into the schedule attached to the Interpretation By-Law, which will be the first in volume of the by-laws as now in effect, will appear when printed. Very complete tables are given at the commencement of the work and a full index is also included.

The by-law passed providing for the revision and consolidation of the old by-laws and for the interpretation of terms is in accordance with statutory powers given to the council. Very ample powers are given for the preservation of existing rights which may have been acquired by the city under any repealed by-law. The principal changes are in the Building By-Law, the Local Improvement By-Law, the Streets By-Law, the Sewers By-Law, the Wash House By-Law, and a few others which will be noted below.

The actual statutes, as they may be called, begin with the by-law regulating the proceedings of the council, and to one of the by-laws dealing with the subject of the annual revenue of the city. There are now more complete control of the interior arrangement of structures used for dwelling purposes, and the limiting of the increase of sleeping accommodation and habitation. Ample powers are given to prevent partitioning off of dwelling houses, and the prohibition is made against any connection being made with a main sewer by any one but a licensed plumber. The general by-law, dealing with the assessment of property for local improvement, is made strictly in accordance with the existing law.

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The support of sidewalks is looked to the use of steam and other engines is controlled. This new by-law contains 114 sections, all most carefully considered by experts, and it has in addition had the close attention of the practical men on the board of aldermen.

STREETS BY-LAW. Possibly the next most important by-law is the Streets By-Law, which is the consolidation of fourteen previous enactments. The new by-law contains revised regulations concerning street traffic. The local authorities are to deal with the also, and carefully prepared regulations are inserted respecting openings in the sidewalks leading to cellars, as well as the class of traps allowed.

Signs and other overhanging projections above the streets come in for some consideration. Removal of snow from pavements is dealt with and the regulations generally respecting the clearing of the streets of any foreign matter elaborated.

A table of grades of the streets corrected to the front of the Empire's work. Now to the front of the Empire's work. Now to the front of the Empire's work. Now to the front of the Empire's work. Now to the front of the Empire's work.

SEWER BY-LAW. This by-law deals with two matters, the regulations concerning connection with the sewers and the payment of rents for sewer use. There is not much new in this by-law, but it is now appears. The city officers rights to enforce the sewer connection regulations are amplified. A schedule of rates for sewer use is given, together with a sketch plan of approved system of drainage for a house.

In the Plumbers By-Law care has been taken to see that only duly qualified persons can do plumbing work. Each plumber must be licensed by the city, and must register with the city engineer when doing so. The prohibition is made against any connection being made with a main sewer by any one but a licensed plumber.

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## Local Soldiers To Go Abroad

"A" Company R. C. R. to be Sent to Either Malta or India.

### Will Leave for Halifax About the Beginning of Next Month.

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## Our Mail Order Department

This is a special feature of our business. All orders are executed with care and promptness thus avoiding any mistakes.

All goods invoiced at the lowest possible price on day of shipment. Be sure to send enough money as it is an easy matter to return any sum that is over.

## Our Terms—Cash With Order. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Write for Prices. DIXIE H. ROSS & CO

## Executors Sale of Lands.

In the Matter of the Estate of Gus Emil Johnson, deceased.

In the Matter of the Trustee and Executors Act and Amending Acts.

In the Matter of the Creditors Trust Deeds and Amending Acts.

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 25th day of March, A.D. 1901, for the purchase of the following properties: 1st. That property known as the "Carle House or Hotel," situated upon Lot No. 1, Block 18 in the Town of Ashcroft, with all furniture, fittings, crockery, etc., used in connection with the said hotel.

2nd. Lot No. 11, upon which is erected a small building, situated upon Lot 11, Block 18 in the Town of Ashcroft, with all furniture, fittings, crockery, etc., used in connection with the said hotel. 3rd. Lot No. 2, Block 18, in the said town of Ashcroft, upon which is erected a one and a half story building, the ground floor of which is occupied by two stores and the upper part of which may be used as living rooms.

4th. That property known as the "Grand Central Hotel," situated upon lots 5 and 6 in Block 18 in the Town of Ashcroft, with all furniture, fittings, crockery, etc., used in connection with the said hotel. 5th. That property known as the "Grand Central Hotel," situated upon lots 5 and 6 in Block 18 in the Town of Ashcroft, with all furniture, fittings, crockery, etc., used in connection with the said hotel.

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