

Proviso, as to Villages.

of this Act : Provided nevertheless, that the inhabitants of any Town or Village Municipality, other than the Municipality of the Town of Three-Rivers, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be subject to the jurisdiction of the School Commissioners elected for the Municipality of which the Town or Village makes or did formerly make part, and shall have the right of voting at the election of such School Commissioners.

Failure to elect School Officers in any local division provided for.

III. And be it enacted, That no failure to elect any officer, or to assess or levy any rate, shall be construed to prevent the effect of any of the provisions of this Act, which shall be carried into effect by the Governor in Council, by the means of the Superintendent of Schools hereinafter mentioned, and of School Commissioners, Assessors, Collectors, Teachers and other Functionaries, who may be requisite according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, which Commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, at the instance of the Superintendent of Schools, and shall have the right of naming the Assessors, Collectors, Directors and other Functionaries, all of whom, in their several capacities, shall each have all the rights, powers and authority, which, under this Act, would have been possessed by the persons who ought to have been elected or to act, under the like names of office or with similar functions, and shall have the same duties and be liable to the same penalties.

Times of the first and other meetings for the election of School Commissioners.

IV. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act there shall be held each year, on the first Monday in July, a general meeting of all the landholders and householders of each Municipality, which meeting, if it be the first which is to be held in the Municipality for the election of a body of School Commissioners, shall be called by the Senior Justice of the Peace, or, in his default, by any other Resident Justice of the Peace, or, in their default, by any three landholders, by giving eight days previous public notice at the door of the Churches or places of Public Worship, or if there be no Church or place of Public Worship, then by a notice posted at two of the most public places in such Municipality ; and at such meeting the Senior Justice present, or in his default such other person as shall be appointed by the meeting shall preside, and that thereafter, at the general annual meeting for the election of School Commissioners, one of the Senior acting School Commissioners shall preside, provided that he be not a Minister of the Gospel, and if two Commissioners then present are of the same date in office, then the oldest by age shall preside ; if, nevertheless