

"One-eighteenth part of all the public lands in the State, or two sections in every township, amounting in all to about 2,800,000 acres, were granted to the State by Congress for the support of common schools. But a small portion of these lands has yet been sold, and the available fund is not large. The Superintendent estimates that, if the future sales equal in amount per acre those heretofore made, the income derived from the fund will not be less than one million dollars annually."

7.—STATE OF KANSAS.

"Supervision is provided, first, by the election of a State Superintendent of Public Instruction for two years, and a County Superintendent for the same term.

"The State Superintendent is required to visit each county at least once a year; to file and keep all reports made to him; to recommend text-books for the use of schools; to apportion the public money among the several counties according to the number of children between five and twenty-one years of age, and to make an annual report to the Legislature.

The County Superintendent divides the county into districts, apportions the school money to them, visits the schools, examines and licenses teachers, and reports annually to the State Superintendent.

"Each district elects yearly a Director, Clerk, and Treasurer, who constitute a District Board, and each district thus organized forms a corporate body. The Board has power to purchase sites, hire teachers, and have the control and management of the schools and school property. The Clerk of each district makes the annual statistical report to the County Superintendent.

"The male and female inhabitants of the district are allowed to vote at district meetings, and they have power to vote taxes for the payment of teachers' wages, for the purchase of sites and building of school-houses, and the purchase of black-boards and apparatus for the schools."

"The school fund consists of the public lands granted by Congress for the support of schools. Only a small part has yet been sold and become productive. The estates of persons dying without heirs or will are also to be added to the fund. The school land amounts to 2,844,444 acres, and the law of the State fixes three dollars as a minimum price at which it shall be sold."

8.—STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

"The Constitution of the State provides for the election of a Superintendent of Public Instruction, to hold his office for four years. It also requires the Legislature to provide a system of Common Schools, by which a school shall be kept in each district for three months in the year, for neglect of which the district is to forfeit its proportion of the interest of the public fund."

"The Legislature has created a Board of Education, composed of the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, &c."