

same pains and penalties for neglect or refusal to act, or the non-performance of their duties as other Town and Parish officers; and when any Town or Parish fails to elect, the Sessions shall appoint as in other cases: in incorporated Towns, Cities or Counties, the Council shall appoint the Trustees; but the Trustees in office at the time of the passing of this Act shall continue to act until others are appointed in their stead.

It shall be the duty of Trustees to divide their respective Parishes into convenient School Districts, and from time to time to reconstruct them, and to define in writing the boundaries of each District, and file a description thereof with the Clerk of the Peace, and in incorporated Counties with the Secretary Treasurer, and a copy thereof with the Town Clerk.

They shall give any licenced Teacher authority in writing to open a School in a District where the inhabitants have provided a sufficient School House, secured the necessary salary, and with their assent agree with such Teacher.

They may suspend or displace any Teacher for incapacity, or any improper or immoral conduct, and shall forthwith transmit a copy of their proceedings to the Superintendent for the decision of the Board.

They shall immediately after ratifying the engagement of a Teacher, and annually thereafter, call a meeting of the Rate-payers of the District for the purpose of electing a School Committee to consist of three persons, giving seven days notice, to be posted on the School House, specifying the time, place and object of such meeting.

The Trustees, when convenient, shall accompany the Inspector in the examination and inspection of the Schools in their respective Parishes.

They shall at least once a year examine all the Schools in their respective Parishes, pursuing as near as may be the mode of examination adopted by the Inspector.

In any Town, Village, or populous District, the Trustees may authorize such number of Schools as the wants of the population may require; and when they deem it necessary, authorize the employment of an assistant licenced Teacher in any large School.

Wherever a convenient District can be laid off so as to include a portion of two Parishes, the Trustees of the two Parishes may lay off such District with the consent of a majority of the inhabitants thereof.

The Trustees shall apportion among the School Districts in their respective Parishes, any money raised by County or Parish assessment for the support and maintenance of the Schools therein, in such manner as they shall deem just and equitable.

Any Parish or District adopting the principle of assessment, and the sum required for the Teacher being assessed and paid, shall for every year such assessment is so made and paid, receive from the Province Treasurer ten per cent. over the allowance to Schools of the same class in Parishes or Districts not so assessed, to be apportioned and paid the Teachers therein.

COMMITTEE.

7. The inhabitants of the School District being Rate-payers, shall at the meeting called by the Trustees as aforesaid, elect by a majority of votes three persons who shall constitute a

School Committee for that District, and shall continue in office for one year or until others are elected in their stead.

The School Committee shall have the immediate charge of the School House, with the furniture, apparatus and grounds.

They shall, when necessary, call meetings of the inhabitants of the District for the purpose of providing a School house, books, maps, apparatus, School furniture and fuel, and for the support of the School and the comfort of the scholars.

They shall have the immediate control of any Library provided by the District, and may appoint a Librarian, Secretary, and Treasurer.

They shall receive and appropriate any money raised in the District for the purpose of providing a Library or increasing the same.

The School Committee may admit so many free scholars, and also children at reduced rates, being the children of poor and indigent parents, as they may deem prudent and just; and they may apply the amount so received to the support of the School.

DUTIES AND QUALIFICATION OF TEACHERS.

8. The Teachers, male and female, shall be divided into three classes, qualified as follows:—

Male Teachers of the first class to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history, book-keeping, geometry, mensuration, land-surveying, navigation and algebra;—of the second class, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history and book-keeping;—of the third class, spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Every Teacher of the first and second class shall be qualified and enjoined to impart to his pupils a knowledge of the geography, history, and resources of the Province of New Brunswick, and of the adjoining North American Colonies.

Female Teachers of the first class to teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history, and common needle work;—of the second class, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, and common needle work;—of the third class, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, and common needle work.

Every Teacher shall keep a daily register of the scholars, which shall be open for inspection at all times; a Visitor's book, and enter therein the visits of the Inspectors, Trustees, and School Committee respectively; maintain proper order and discipline, and carry out the regulations made for his guidance.

Every Teacher shall take diligent care, and exert his best endeavours to impress on the minds of the children committed to his care, the principles of christianity, morality, and justice, and a sacred regard to truth and honesty, love of their country, loyalty, humanity, and a universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, moderation, and temperance, order and cleanliness, and all other virtues which are the ornaments of human society; but no pupil shall be required to read or study in or from any religious book, or join in any act of devotion objected to by his parents or guardians; and the Board of Education shall, by regulation, secure to all children whose parents or guardians do not object to it, the reading of the Bible in Parish Schools—and the Bible, when read in Parish Schools by Roman Catholic children shall, if required by their parents or guardians, be the Douay version, without note or comment.