

41. In reference to any island property in the River Saint John, in the Parishes of Douglas or Kingsclear, attached to or included within the bounds of any District, and the owner of which may reside in any Parish in the Province, other than in the Parish of Kingsclear, Douglas, or Bright, such non-resident owner shall be liable to be assessed for District purposes on such island land in the District to which such land is attached, or in which such land is situate; and the School Trustees of any District in which such island property is attached, or in which it is situate, may in writing call upon the Assessors of the Parish in which such land is situate, to value such property, which it shall be the duty of the Assessors forthwith to do, making return thereof to the Clerk of the Peace, and the School Trustees shall, and they are hereby authorized to assess the owner of such property at such value so returned as a non-resident of the District.

42. If relief be granted by the proper authority for reducing Parish rates, to any person by reason of his having been over-rated by the Assessors of Rates, he shall upon request made upon the Trustees, and on producing a certificate from the Clerk of the Peace, be entitled to have his District assessment rectified in accordance therewith, and such excess shall not be collected, or if collected, shall be credited on his rate for the next year, or shall be recoverable in an action of debt against the Board of School Trustees.

43. All sums ordered to be raised in a District may be brought together, and be assessed and levied in a single column, without distinguishing between the several purposes for which the same may have been voted, in case they were separately voted; and for no purpose of assessing or collecting need they be regarded as separate or several sums.

44. Whenever an assessment made by the Trustees of a District is quashed, amended, or set aside, the Trustees shall forthwith cause a new assessment to be made and collected, in the same manner as if the assessment were newly ordered, and any payment made by any ratepayer upon the former assessment, shall go in discharge of his rates under the new assessment, *pro tanto*; any excess of payment being repaid to him, and he being liable for any deficiency.

45. Whenever the Trustees of any District are unable to discharge the duties devolved upon them by Section seventy four, through failure of the School-meeting to provide the necessary means, the Trustees may make an estimate of the amount required during the year in the discharge of their duties, including the means necessary to meet liabilities arising from any contract or agreement theretofore made, and to provide suitable School accommodation; and shall transmit such estimate to the Inspector, together with a list of all the residents of the District liable for a poll tax for Schools, so far as they shall be able to make such list, and a list duly certified by the Clerk of the Peace, of the amount of the taxable valuation of the property and income liable to be assessed in the District; and on receipt of the same, the Inspector shall report thereon to the Chief Superintendent, who shall authorize the Trustees to levy and collect the amount of their estimate, or so much thereof as the Board shall deem proper; and such amount may be assessed and levied as if it had been authorized by the School meeting.

46. In cases where the estimate of the Trustees submitted to the Board of Education under the provisions of the next preceding Section, shall include objects for which money may be borrowed under the provisions of sub-section three of Section seventy three, the Board of Education shall have power to grant authority to the Trustees to borrow money for such objects, under the provisions cited, as fully as the School meeting.

AID TO POOR DISTRICTS.

47. Each Inspector shall, as directed by the Board of Education, determine and report to the Chief Superintendent what School Districts under his supervision may be entitled during the ensuing year to special aid as poor Districts, and the Chief Superintendent may allow to the Schools in such District such amount, not exceeding one-third more on the classification of the Teachers of such Schools, from the Provincial Treasury, and one-third more per pupil from the County School Fund, than the allowance to other School Districts sharing such Funds, as in

his discretion may seem proper; taking into consideration the position and circumstances of such District. The fixed sum to be paid out of the County School Fund, in respect of each Teacher, to Schools returned Poor Schools, shall be forty dollars.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

48. The School District shall have power to elect Trustees and an Auditor, and to determine upon all questions of local or District support of Schools in conformity with this Chapter, but no person shall act as Auditor of any accounts of the year in which he may have been a Trustee.

49. An annual School meeting shall be held in every District on the second Thursday in January in each year, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; and such meeting, if the first be held in any District, shall be held at a place in the District to be named by the Inspector, by notice posted at least six days previously in two of the most public places in the District.

50. Subsequent annual meetings shall be held in the School house if convenient, or in such place as the Trustees of the District may decide upon, who shall give notification of the same as above; but in case of want of proper parties, or of neglect, the Inspector may, by similar notification, determine the time and place of meeting.

51. In all meetings, one of the Trustees, or the Secretary of the Trustees, or a person so authorized in writing by the Trustees or by the Inspector, shall call the meeting to order, and act as temporary Chairman until the election of a Chairman as provided by Section fifty three; and in the election of Chairman none but qualified voters shall vote; and the Chairman shall himself be a qualified voter, and shall have but one vote, and that in case of a tie.

52. No person shall be entitled to vote at any School meeting on any question whatsoever unless he shall be a ratepayer, either resident in the District or non-resident in the Parish, and owning property in the District, such ratepayers, to be hereinafter designated as ratepayers of the District, and unless he shall have paid all District School rates imposed upon him for the then preceding year in case any shall have been imposed.

53. At all meetings the majority of ratepayers of the District present shall elect from their number a Chairman to preside over the meeting, who shall decide all questions of order, and shall take the votes of qualified voters only, deciding according to the majority of votes, and shall give a casting vote in case of an equality of votes; the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall act as Secretary of the meeting, and when there is no Secretary of the Board, or he is not present, the meeting shall elect a Secretary to the meeting; the minutes of the meeting shall be read to the meeting before its close, and shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and transmitted to the Trustees within ten days after the meeting; such minutes shall be preserved by the Trustees and be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any ratepayer.

54. If any person offering to vote at any meeting shall be challenged as unqualified, the Chairman shall require the person so offering to vote to make the following declaration:—"I do declare and affirm that I am a ratepayer of this District, that I have paid all District School rates imposed upon me within the last twelve months, and that I am legally qualified to vote at this meeting;" whereupon the person making such declaration shall be permitted to vote on all questions proposed at such meetings; but if any person refuse to make such declaration, his vote shall be rejected, and if any person wilfully makes a false declaration of his right to vote, he shall be liable to a penalty of twenty dollars, to be recovered by the Trustees of the District for its use.

55. All School meetings shall be held at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be continued until four in the afternoon of the same day, and may be adjourned to the next day at ten and continued as aforesaid, but no further adjournment shall take place.

56. At the annual School meeting the District shall elect Trustees, or a Trustee, as hereinafter provided, and an Auditor of the School Accounts of the coming year, and shall also decide what School accommodation shall be provided, and what amount shall be raised by the