

shall have the right to do so free of charge, if there is sufficient School accommodation. Any person who may be assessed for District School rates in two or more Districts shall have the right to send his children to the School of any District in which he may be assessed, or part of them to the School of one District, and part to the School of another District as last aforesaid. Any parent, master or guardian, who pays District School rates in any School District shall be entitled to send any child under his care, custody or control, to the School of such District:

(2) To regulate from time to time, with the aid of the Teachers, the attendance of the pupils in the several departments according to attainments, and to suspend or expel any pupil from School whom the Teacher may report to the Trustees as persistently disobedient, or addicted to any vice likely to affect injuriously the character of other pupils, until the Trustees and Teacher shall receive from such pupil assurance of reform:

(3) To employ Teachers for the District, the contract to be in writing, and to suspend or dismiss any Teacher for gross neglect of duty, or immorality, and they shall forthwith transmit a written statement of the facts to the Chief Superintendent, who, if satisfied of the correctness of such dismissal, shall not allow to such Teacher further payment on such contract from the Provincial Treasury:

(4) To visit at least monthly each School under their charge, and see that it is conducted according to this Chapter and the Regulations of the Board of Education; to notify the District of the opening or re-opening of the Schools; to provide for the health of the School, and to see that the Schools are properly supplied with the books prescribed by the Board of Education, and that no books unauthorized by the Board are used:

(5) If any parent, master or guardian, after notice from the Trustees that a child under the care of such person is unprovided with the necessary prescribed School books, shall refuse or neglect to furnish such child with the books required, the Trustees shall, subject to the power to exempt indigent persons, furnish them at the expense of the District, and the cost thereof may be collected from the parents, master or guardian, by warrant of the Trustees as in case of assessed rates.

*With respect to their organization.*

75. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees, and they are hereby empowered, to meet as soon as practicable after the annual election (or the appointment) of a Trustee or Trustees, and appoint a Secretary to the Corporation, who may be of their own number, and who shall forthwith give a Bond to Her Majesty with two sureties, in a sum at least equal to that to be raised by the District during the year, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and the same shall be forthwith lodged by the Board of Trustees with the Clerk of the Peace for the County; and Trustees failing to take such bond from their Secretary, and lodge it as aforesaid, shall be liable for his default to the extent of the sum for which such bond should have been taken; and such Secretary shall keep the Records, accounts and moneys of the Board, and in pursuance of the orders of the Board collect and disburse all School moneys of the District, have charge of the School property, safely keep and deliver up when required to the Trustees the papers and moneys of the Corporation, including the records of the School meetings, and

perform all other duties which the Board may prescribe in relation to their corporate affairs: The Secretary shall be entitled to receive five per cent. commission on all sums collected upon District assessment by him or under his direction, (except as hereinafter provided), for the support of the Schools of the District, excepting in cases where payment is made before demand or notice given by the Secretary, in which cases he shall be entitled to two and one-half per cent., and shall make a deduction to such persons of two and a half per cent.; and the Secretary shall be entitled to two and one-half per cent. on all sums collected by him, or under his direction, (except as hereinafter provided), for the purchase or erection of a School house, or the purchase of School grounds, and any ratepayer paying his rates in respect of such last mentioned services before demand or notice, shall be entitled to the like deduction of two and one-half per cent. on the amount of his rates: The Secretary shall not be entitled to any percentage on the amount of the County fund apportioned to the District. Where the rates are collected in whole or in part by the Parish Collector as hereinafter provided, the Secretary shall be entitled to no commission on the rates collected by the Parish Collector, unless the percentage received by the Parish Collector is less than five per cent., when the Secretary may receive the difference between such percentage and five per cent.: And where the rates in whole or in part are collected by the Parish Collector, ratepayers shall have the right to the deduction as aforesaid for voluntary payment, and the School meeting may allow to the Secretary, in case of the collection by the Parish Collector in whole or in part, such compensation for his services as Secretary, as they may see fit, not exceeding five per cent. on the amount so collected by the Parish Collector, and the same may be paid out of the District Funds, or included in any District Assessment.

76. The Bond given by the Secretary of any Board of School Trustees shall, so long as it shall remain uncanceled, or until a new Bond be taken, be deemed a continuing security during his continuance in office, although in terms for one year.

*With respect to the Assessment and Collection of Rates.*

77. It shall be the duty of the Trustees, and they are hereby empowered—

(1) To furnish the Clerk of the Peace of the County in which the District or any part of it is situate, with a list of the persons liable to be rated for School purposes in such District or part thereof, upon property or income, that is to say: Of persons who are residents of the District, and of persons who own real estate in the District liable to taxation, but who do not reside in the Parish, and of persons or Corporations liable to be rated as aforesaid, in respect of real or personal property or income, by reason of carrying on business there, or of being rated as Corporations, Trustee, or as aforesaid; the Clerk of the Peace shall set opposite the name of each person the amount on which he is liable to be taxed, as the same appears on the assessment list of such Parish last on file, or as the same may be amended or corrected, or added to as herein provided; that is to say, in the case of a non-resident of the Parish, the taxable valuation of the real estate in the District owned by the non-resident; and in the case of the resident of the District, the taxable valuation of income, and real and personal property of such resident, as the same appears in such assessment list; and in the case of Corporations, Firms as aforesaid, or other persons referred