

# BILL

No. 68 of 1919.

An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The School Grants Act, and The School Attendance Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1919.)

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The School Ordinance* is amended as follows:

1. Section 2, clause 10a: By adding after the word "district" in line one thereof "or proposed consolidated district".

2. Section 2, clause 10b: By adding after the word "district" in line one thereof the words "or in any established consolidated district", and by adding after the word "district" in line two thereof the words "or of the consolidated district".

3. Section 2, clause 10d: By adding after the word "district" in line three thereof the words "or of the consolidated district".

4. Section 2: By adding thereto the following clause:

"18. The expression 'unorganized territory' means any part of the province which has not been erected into a school district or districts."

5. Section 24: By adding thereto the words "and shall hereafter be British subject".

6. Sections 40a to 40h inclusive: By repealing these sections and substituting therefor and in addition thereto the following new sections:

"40a. Two or more school districts of any kind, either with or without parts of any other district or districts; or parts of any two or more districts; or any district with parts of one or more other districts; or any one or more districts or parts of districts together with unorganized territory; or unorganized territory alone, of not less than thirty and not more than eighty square miles in area may consolidate by the formation of a new district in the manner hereinafter provided and a district so formed by consolidation shall be known as a "consolidated school district".

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what units  
composed

"40b. Before any steps are taken to organize a consolidated school district the Minister may authorize an investigation of the proposed consolidation by a committee consisting of—

"(a) An Inspector of Schools or other official of the Department of Education who shall be the convener of the committee;

"(b) The boards of trustees of the districts wholly or partially included in the proposed consolidation area and representatives of any unorganized territory therein.

"The said committee shall prepare a map or plan of the proposed consolidated district showing its boundaries, the number and residence of the children of school age, the travelled roads, rivers, streams, lakes, irrigation ditches, bridges, the proposed van routes and any other features of essential value, and shall submit the said map or plan to the Minister together with such other information as may be required. The Minister may thereupon authorize the holding of one or more public meetings within the proposed consolidated district at which a representative of the Department of Education shall be present for a discussion of the proposed consolidation, and may then, if he deems it advisable, approve the boundaries of the proposed consolidated district and authorize the circulating of a petition asking for a vote on the question of consolidation:

"Provided always that the Minister may in his discretion vary or modify the method of investigation of a proposed consolidation as above set forth and may adopt such other methods of investigating the suitability of conditions for consolidation in any proposed consolidated district as he may deem expedient.

"40c. After the investigation of conditions as above provided, if there is no district or part of a district containing a town or village within the proposed consolidated district, then upon the approval of the boundaries thereof by the Minister and upon the presentation of a petition in the form prescribed signed by at least 25 per cent. of the resident ratepayers of each district or part of a district or unorganized territory within the proposed consolidated district asking for a vote to be taken on the question of consolidation the Minister may authorize that public notice be posted in five conspicuous places in each district and in as many places as the Minister may determine in any part of a district or unorganized territory included in the proposed consolidated district and an additional notice in a post office within the proposed consolidated district, and if there be no such post office, then in the post office nearest thereto, calling a meeting of the resident ratepayers to be held within the proposed consolidated district at a time and place determined by the Minister and specified in such

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notice to vote upon the question of consolidation. The said notices shall be posted at least fourteen days before the date of the said meeting and satisfactory proof that the notices have been posted as herein provided shall be furnished in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister.

"40d. At such meeting the resident ratepayers shall elect from their number a chairman and secretary, who shall be the officers of the meeting. The chairman shall appoint two or more scrutineers and the vote at such election or meeting shall be by ballot, which shall read "For consolidation" or "Against consolidation". Each voter must sign the declaration in the form A(b) in the schedule to this Ordinance before receiving a ballot. The election officers shall keep a poll list in the form prescribed in which they shall write the name and residence of each ratepayer voting, numbering the same in consecutive order. The poll shall be opened immediately after the election of the chairman and secretary and shall remain open for such period as may be determined by the Minister, which period shall be stated in the notice calling the meeting. Each voter shall, after marking his ballot, fold it so as not to disclose any markings thereon and hand the same to the chairman of the meeting who shall deposit it in the ballot box. The chairman shall have the right to vote, and upon marking his ballot shall hand it to the secretary who shall deposit it in the ballot box. At the time fixed the poll shall be closed and the officers of the meeting shall forthwith count the votes and certify the result of the vote on the form prescribed, place the certificate, poll list, ballots, declarations and all other records of the election in an envelope, securely seal and forthwith send the same by registered mail to the Minister of Education.

"40e. If there is a district or part of a district containing a town or village within the proposed consolidated district, then upon the approval of the boundaries thereof by the Minister and upon presentation of a petition in the form prescribed signed by at least twenty-five (25%) per cent. of the resident ratepayers of each district or part of a district or unorganized territory within the remaining area included in the proposed consolidated district, the Minister may authorize a vote to be taken of the resident ratepayers of said remaining area on the question of consolidation as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of sections 40c and 40d hereof, but no vote shall be taken in such district or part of a district containing a town or village unless a demand for a vote to be taken therein is made as hereinafter provided.

"(2) If the majority of the votes cast in said remaining area of the proposed consolidated district are in favor of consolidation the Minister may thereupon direct the board of such district containing a town or village and either

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How vote is authorized and taken if there is a town or village within proposed consolidated district

wholly or in part included within the proposed consolidated district as aforesaid to pass a resolution approving or disapproving of the proposed consolidation.

“(3) The board shall after passing said resolution forthwith give public notice that such resolution has been passed and that a copy of the same will be transmitted to the Minister of Education unless a demand for a vote on the question of consolidation is made as hereinafter provided. Every such notice shall be in the form prescribed by the Minister and copies of the same shall be posted up in at least five conspicuous places in the district or part thereof, one of which shall be the post office therein.

“(4) A vote of the resident ratepayers of such district or part of a district on the question of consolidation may be demanded within eight days after the date of posting the notices mentioned in the next preceding paragraph by a demand in writing signed by twenty-five resident ratepayers in the case of a district or part of a district containing a town and fifteen resident ratepayers in the case of a district or part of a district containing a village and every such demand shall be delivered either to the secretary of the district or in his absence to the chairman of the board, and the board shall forthwith send a copy of the same to the Minister.

“(5) If no vote is demanded as provided in the next preceding paragraph the board shall transmit to the Minister:

- “(a) A certified copy of the resolution on consolidation;
- “(b) A certified copy of the notice provided in clause 3 hereof, and a statutory declaration proving posting of the notices;
- “(c) Such other information as may be required by the Minister.

“(6) If a vote has been demanded as hereinbefore provided the board shall as soon as may be cause public notice to be posted in at least five conspicuous places in the district or part of a district in question one of which shall be in a post office therein calling a meeting of the resident ratepayers to be held at a time and place specified in such notice to vote upon the question of consolidation. The said notice shall be posted up at least eight clear days before the meeting and the said meeting shall be conducted and the vote thereat taken as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of section 40*d* hereof:

“Provided always that any portion of the province, the area of which is not more than six hundred and forty acres not in whole or in part included within the limits of any city, town or village and containing approximately twenty-five separate buildings each of which is occupied as a dwelling house may be deemed a village for the purposes of

sections 40c to 40f inclusive of this Ordinance if the Minister so decides, and the decision of the Minister as to what shall be deemed a village under this proviso shall be final.

“40f. Upon being satisfied that all requirements with reference to taking the vote have been substantially complied with, if a majority of the votes cast in the total area of the proposed consolidated district have been cast in favor of consolidation when there is no district or part of a district therein containing a town or village, or if a district or part of a district containing a town or village is included within the proposed consolidated district and there is a majority of the votes cast in the remaining area in favor of consolidation and the board of such district containing a town or village and either in whole or in part included within the proposed consolidated district has by resolution as hereinbefore provided approved of the proposed consolidation, or in the event of a vote in such district or part of a district containing a town or village having been demanded and a majority of the votes cast are in favor of consolidation, then the Minister may by order, notice of which shall be published in the official gazette, erect such school districts, or parts of districts, or unorganized territory as are included within the boundaries of the proposed consolidation into a consolidated school district:

Erection of consolidation

“Provided however that the Minister shall make all necessary alterations in the boundaries of any districts affected by the proposed consolidation and shall erect such districts as he may deem advisable prior to the erection of consolidation.

“40g. Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereinbefore contained, if the Minister deems it necessary on account of special educational difficulties in any portion of the province to establish a consolidated school he may by order, notice of which shall be published in the official gazette, erect any portion of the province into a consolidated school district without any further or other proceedings as hereinbefore mentioned precedent to such order being had or taken, and the publication of the notice of such order in the official gazette shall be conclusive evidence that such consolidated school district has been duly erected and constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance: Provided that the Minister shall make all necessary alterations in the boundaries of any districts affected by the proposed consolidation and shall erect such districts as he may deem advisable prior to the erection of the consolidated district; and provided further that not more than two consolidated districts may be erected under the provisions of this section in any one year.

Erection of consolidation by Minister in certain cases

“40h. Every consolidated school district formed as hereinbefore provided shall be entitled ‘The..... Consolidated School District, No.

Name of consolidated district

.....of the Province of Alberta,' and shall be given such name as the Minister shall designate in the order forming the same. Such consolidated school districts shall be numbered consecutively, the first of such districts to be established to be assigned the number 1, and the Minister shall have power to change the name of any consolidated district in accordance with the provisions of section 35 hereof.

"40i. After the erection of a consolidated district the Minister shall have the power to alter the boundaries thereof by adding to or taking from the area of any district which forms a part of the consolidated district.

Alteration of boundaries

"40j. The Minister may authorize notices to be posted and a vote to be taken in a district or part of a district or unorganized territory as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of sections 40c and 40d of this Ordinance for the purpose of ascertaining if the majority of the resident ratepayers thereof are in favor of the union of such district or part of a district or unorganized territory with an adjacent consolidated district or districts. If a majority of all the votes cast have been cast in favor of the proposed union or consolidation and if the same has been approved by resolution of the board or boards of the consolidated district or districts the Minister may by order, notice of which shall be published in the official gazette, unite such district or part of a district or unorganized territory with the consolidated district or districts:

Union of any district or part thereof, or unorganized territory with a consolidated district

"Provided always that before issuing such order the Minister shall make such alterations in the boundaries of existing districts or erect such districts as he may deem advisable.

"40k. The publication in the official gazette of the notice of the order erecting any school districts into a consolidated school district, or uniting any district or districts or parts thereof or unorganized territory with an existing consolidated district or districts or altering the boundaries of a consolidated district by adding to or taking from the area of any district which forms a part of the consolidated district shall be final and conclusive evidence that all matters required preliminary to such order have been complied with.

Publication of notice of order conclusive evidence that all matters preliminary thereto have been complied with

"40l. Upon the erection of two or more districts into a consolidated district or upon the union of any district with a consolidated district as aforesaid, none of the districts so entering into consolidation shall lose its existence as a corporate body; and the debts and liabilities of every such district shall continue to be a charge upon such district as fully and completely as if such consolidation or union had not taken place, but the business of each of such districts shall be managed and conducted as provided in this Ordinance excepting in so far as variation is made herein apply-

Each district in consolidated district to retain its corporate existence

ing to the administration of such districts when erected into or united with a consolidated school district:

“Provided that the board of the consolidated district may, with the consent of the Minister, take over the assets and assume the liabilities of the districts or any one or more of them included in such consolidation, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the said board and the trustee or trustees representing the district or districts the assets and liabilities of which are being taken over and assumed, but such agreement shall not prejudicially affect the rights or security of the holder of any debentures issued by the district or districts, the assets and liabilities of which are being taken over and assumed.

“40m. Upon the erection of a consolidated school district the trustees of the districts forming the consolidated district shall cease to hold office and the Minister shall appoint an official trustee for each of the said districts and for the consolidated district who shall hold office from the time of the erection of consolidation until a board of trustees for the consolidated district has been elected or appointed, and the Minister shall forthwith direct that public notices be posted in five conspicuous places in each district in the consolidated district, one of which shall be the post office therein, and if there be no such post office then an additional notice in the post office nearest thereto calling a meeting of the resident ratepayers of each of said districts for the election of a trustee or trustees. The notice shall give the time and place of the meeting and shall be posted at least eight days before the day for which the meeting is called. The resident ratepayers present at the meeting of each of said districts shall at once elect from their number a chairman and secretary and the chairman shall immediately call for nominations for the office of trustee and otherwise the nominations and election shall be conducted as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance respecting the nomination and election of school trustees for a village district except that the declaration in form B(d) shall take the place of forms B(a) or B(b) as provided in section 58 of this Ordinance and in the case of a district containing a town the poll shall remain open for four hours and provided that the first or any subsequent meeting for the election of a trustee for any district in the consolidated district may be held at a place outside the boundaries of such district but within the limits of the consolidated district. The trustees so elected shall constitute the board of the consolidated district as hereinafter provided and shall within ten days after their election take the declaration of office and meet to organize the board in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and transact such other business as may be required.

Election of  
first board for  
consolidated  
district

"40n. The board of trustees of a consolidated school district shall consist of one trustee for each district in the consolidated district except for a district therein containing a town for which there shall be two trustees. The trustees elected to the first board of a consolidated school district shall hold office as follows: Constitution of board and rotation of members

"If a district containing a town is included in the consolidated district the trustee for such district receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office till the second annual meeting is held and the trustee receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office till the first annual meeting is held. If said trustees are elected by acclamation or if they receive an equal number of votes, they shall hold office respectively in the order in which they are nominated until the second and first annual meetings of the district are held. One-half of the total number of trustees for all of the remaining districts therein if there is no district containing a town included in the consolidated district if they be an even number and a majority of one if they be an odd number shall hold office until the second annual meeting is held and the remaining trustees shall hold office until the first annual meeting is held; and the sequence of the numbers of the said districts shall determine the order in which the trustees of such districts shall retire, the trustees representing the districts with the lower numbers to hold office till the second annual meeting and those representing the districts with the higher numbers to hold office till the first annual meeting.

"All succeeding trustees shall be elected for a period of two years as hereinafter provided:

"Provided however that the trustees forming the board of any consolidated district established before the passing of this Act shall continue in office until the next annual meeting when they shall all retire and a new board of trustees shall be elected as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of section 40r hereof for the election of trustees for a consolidated district and the terms for which they shall respectively hold office shall be determined in the same manner as in the case of the first board of trustees of a consolidated district as above provided and all succeeding trustees shall be elected for a term of two years in accordance with the provisions of section 40r thereof.

"40o. In the event of a consolidated school district formed by the union of only two districts, neither of which contains a town, the two trustees elected for such districts, after taking the oath of office shall forthwith under their hand appoint an additional trustee who shall hold office until the next annual meeting and henceforth after the election of a trustee at the annual meeting the two trustees shall in like manner select an additional trustee, and in the event of the two elected trustees being unable to agree Board in case of only two districts in the consolidation



as to the selection of an additional trustee as aforesaid such trustee shall be appointed by the Minister.

"40p. Upon the union of any district with a consolidated district in accordance with section 40j hereof the trustees of such district so uniting with a consolidated district if there be a board of trustees shall cease to hold office and the Minister shall authorize such district to hold a meeting forthwith for the election of a trustee, which election shall be conducted as nearly as possible in the manner hereinbefore provided for the first election of trustees for a consolidated district and the Minister shall fix the duration of the term of office of such trustee and upon taking the declaration required by this Ordinance such trustee shall become a member of the board of the consolidated district; provided always that the Minister may appoint an official trustee for such district to hold office during the interval between the union of such district with the consolidated district and the election of a trustee for such district as aforesaid.

Election of trustee for district uniting with consolidated district

"40q. When any vacancy is created in the board of a consolidated school district it shall be the duty of the remaining trustees in office forthwith to call a special meeting of the ratepayers of the particular district within the consolidated district for which the vacancy occurs to elect a trustee to fill such vacancy, and if any vacancy is not filled within one month the Minister may appoint some qualified person to fill the same. The election of a trustee to fill any vacancy shall only be held at a special meeting called for that purpose and in the same manner as at the annual meeting for the election of a trustee or trustees for such district except that such meeting may be held at a place within the particular district in question and nominations shall be received by the chairman for thirty minutes from two o'clock in the afternoon, the poll shall remain open for three hours after nominations close, and the provisions of section 105 of this Ordinance shall apply to a trustee so elected:

Vacancies on board of consolidated district—How filled

"Provided that if the office of trustee becomes vacant at any time after the first day of December in any year and before the next annual meeting of the consolidated district an election to fill such vacancy may be held at the time and in the manner provided for the election of trustees at the annual meeting of the consolidated district.

"40r. An annual meeting of the ratepayers of a consolidated school district shall be held at a central place within the district not later than the fifteenth day of January in each year commencing at thirty minutes after one o'clock in the afternoon, standard time, and the business thereat transacted as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance respecting annual meetings in village districts except as hereinafter provided.

Annual meetings in consolidated districts and election of trustees

"(2) Such meeting, as soon as the other business of the consolidated district has been transacted, or at three

o'clock in the afternoon if the other business be not then completed, shall adjourn and the resident ratepayers of each district included in the consolidated district the term of office of whose trustee has expired or for which there is a vacancy to be filled shall then meet separately for the purpose of electing a trustee or trustees. The resident ratepayers present at the meeting of such district as aforesaid shall at once elect from their number a chairman and secretary and the chairman shall immediately call for nominations for the office of trustee, and otherwise the provisions of this Ordinance with respect to the nomination and election of a trustee at the annual meeting in village districts shall apply, except that the declarations in form B(d) or B(e) shall take the place of form B(a) or B(b) as provided in section 58 of this Ordinance; provided that in the case of a district containing a town the poll shall remain open for a period of four hours.

“(3) Apart from the meeting for the purpose of electing a trustee as above provided, a school district included in a consolidated district shall not be required to hold an annual meeting, but a special meeting of the ratepayers of any such district or of any consolidated district may be held at any time in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance relating to special meetings of ratepayers.

“40s. Whenever complaint is made that the election of a trustee for any district within a consolidated district or that the proceedings or any part thereof of any first or other meeting of the ratepayers of any consolidated district or of any district within a consolidated district have not been in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance the Minister may upon receiving the complaint of any ratepayer of the consolidated district verified by statutory declaration of the complainant investigate the matter and render any decision in and about the same as to him shall appear proper, but no such complaint shall be entertained by the Minister unless made to him in writing within twenty days after the holding of the election or meeting in question.

Investigation of disputed election, etc.

“40t. In every school district within a consolidated district the school trustee or trustees elected or appointed as hereinbefore provided shall, with respect to all the property, assets and liabilities of such district, possess all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities of the board of trustees for such district but the secretary-treasurer of the consolidated district shall be the secretary-treasurer of each of the districts within such consolidated district.

The board of each district in a consolidated district

“40u. The trustees of every consolidated school district shall be a corporation under the name of ‘The Board of Trustees of . . . . . Consolidated School District, No. . . . . of the Province of Alberta’, and shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties and be

Powers of board

subject to all the liabilities conferred and imposed by this Ordinance upon the trustees of village school districts.

"40. In addition to the powers, duties and liabilities <sup>Conveyance of pupils</sup> conferred and imposed by the preceding section, the board of trustees of any consolidated school district shall supply and operate vans or conveyances for the conveyance to and from school of all pupils residing on any quarter section therein whose nearest boundary is more than one and one half miles distant in a direct line from the school site of the consolidated district, unless the Minister upon investigation otherwise directs, and except as hereinafter mentioned, and may determine the van routes to be followed, provided that the vans or conveyances supplied, the van routes followed, and the contracts with the van drivers shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

"(2) In the interval between the erection of consolidation and the time when school facilities have been provided at the consolidation centre it shall not be obligatory on the board to provide conveyance for pupils residing within the limits of a school district in the consolidated district in which a school is being operated, but provisions shall be made by the board for the conveyance of pupils residing in a district within the consolidated district in which there is no school in operation.

"(3) The board shall not be required to provide conveyance for the children of isolated families but shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, make arrangements with the parents or guardians for the conveyance of such children to and from school or to and from the nearest conveyance route if the nearest boundary of the quarter section on which they reside is more than two miles distant by the nearest travelled road from the school site or more than one mile in a direct line from a regular conveyance route and shall pay therefor a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents a mile per family per day for every mile the nearest boundary of the quarter section on which the family resides is distant from the school or conveyance route, provided that the total sum payable to the parents or guardians of any one family hereunder shall not exceed one dollar per day.

"(4) Unless the Minister otherwise directs it shall not be obligatory on the board to provide conveyance for any of the pupils of a consolidated school district if none of the pupils thereof reside more than two and one half miles from the school site measured by the nearest highway from the nearest boundary of the quarter section or lesser parcel of land upon which a pupil resides; but subject to the approval of the Minister, the board of a consolidated district may make provision for the conveyance to and from school of all pupils within the consolidated district.

"(5) Daily records shall be kept by the principal of a consolidated school showing the days on which each van

driver was absent or late and the number of pupils conveyed and such other information as may be required in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister.

“**40w.** All consolidated school districts heretofore erected or purporting to have been erected are hereby confirmed as districts legally erected and established under this Ordinance with any alterations of boundaries made or purporting to have been made and all debentures issued by the boards of trustees of any such consolidated school districts are hereby confirmed and declared to be legal and valid charges upon the property of the districts issuing the same notwithstanding any defect or irregularity in any proceedings either in substance or in form in respect of or preliminary to the erection of such districts or alterations of the boundaries thereof or the issuing of such debentures.”

Confirmation  
of existing  
consolidated  
districts

7. Section 62: By adding thereto the following: “and shall hereafter be a British subject.”

8. Section 66: By repealing this section and substituting therefor the following:

“**66.** In the case of rural districts, if there are more nominations than one the chairman shall at the close of the time for receiving nominations declare a poll open for the election of a trustee and such election shall be conducted in the following manner:

“(a) On the taking of the poll the chairman shall preside and the secretary shall record the votes as they are given as in form C in the schedule to this Ordinance;

“(b) The poll shall remain open for two hours at the end of which time it shall be closed by the chairman who shall sum up the votes and declare the result.”

9. Section 67: By repealing this section and substituting therefor the following new section:

“**67.** In the case of village and consolidated districts, if there are more nominations than one the chairman shall at the close of the time for receiving nominations declare a poll open for the election of a trustee and such election shall be by ballot and shall be conducted as hereinafter provided.

“(2) The chairman shall preside at the taking of the poll and shall—

“(a) Set apart a portion of the room where a voter may mark his ballot without being seen;

“(b) Cause to be prepared a supply of ballot papers sufficient for the purposes of the election;

“(c) Provide a suitable box in which the ballot papers can be deposited.

“(3) (a) Each ballot paper shall consist of a sheet of paper as nearly as may be four inches wide and six inches long and may be either written or partly written and partly

printed and shall contain the names of the candidates duly nominated, arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames and shall be in the following form:

SCHOOL TRUSTEES	
DICKSON, JOHN	
JONES, THOMAS	
ROSS, ALEXANDER	
SMITH, SAMUEL	
WALKER, WILLIAM	

“(b) The chairman shall initial each ballot before delivering it to the voter. The voter shall place a cross (thus X) on the right hand side opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes, or at any other place within the division which contains the name of such candidate and fold his ballot paper so as not to disclose any markings thereon, but so as to show the chairman’s initials on the back, and then hand the same to the chairman to be deposited in the ballot box, and forthwith quit the polling place.

“(c) Any candidate for the office of trustee or an agent appointed by him in writing shall have the right to remain in the polling place.

“(d) If any voter is unable to read or write the chairman shall mark his ballot as directed by such voter in the presence of all persons in the polling place.

“(e) The chairman shall cause a poll book to be kept in form D in the schedule to this Ordinance in which the secretary shall enter the name and residence of each resident ratepayer voting, numbering the same in consecutive order.

“(f) The poll shall remain open for three hours at the end of which time it shall be closed and the chairman shall forthwith in the presence of all persons present in the room at the time count the ballots and declare the result of the poll.

“(g) If it appears upon the counting of the ballots as aforesaid that two or more candidates for any office have an equal number of votes the chairman shall at the time he declares the result of the poll give a casting vote so as to decide the election, but except in such case the chairman shall not vote at any election.

“(h) The chairman shall, unless the Minister otherwise directs, or unless a judge otherwise orders, retain the ballot papers and all other papers used in connection with the

election for two months after the date thereof and shall then, unless otherwise directed or ordered as aforesaid, forthwith burn such ballot papers and other papers."

10. Section 68: By repealing the same and substituting therefor the following new section:

"**68.** The Minister may from time to time make such regulations as he may deem proper, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, in regard to the conduct of elections of trustees for village and consolidated districts."

11. Section 82, subsection 1: By striking out the word "and" after the word "rural" in line one thereof and by adding after the word "village" in line one thereof the words "and consolidated district".

12. Section 82, subsection 2: By adding immediately after the word "village" where the same occurs in line three thereof the words "or consolidated" and by adding to the said subsection the following:

"Provided that if it is required to have an audit made of the books and accounts of any districts or district within the consolidated district the total fee payable for such audit as well as for the audit of the books and accounts of the consolidated district shall be \$15."

13. Section 95, clause 22: By adding thereto the following: "and in the case of a district operating more than one school, to decide what school any of the children of such district shall attend."

14. Section 95: By adding the following new section as 95c:

"**95c.** The boards of any two or more districts having seventy-five or more pupils in each in grades above the fifth as classified by the regulations of the Department may, subject to the approval of the Minister, enter into an agreement to make provision for instruction for such pupils in household science, manual training or commercial work upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon and the boards entering into any such agreement shall have full power and authority to make the necessary levy and assessment for the purpose of carrying out the terms of any such agreement."

15. Section 109, subsection 1: By adding thereto the following: "or is for the purpose of erecting a first school house for a consolidated district and does not exceed \$5000."

16. Section 128, subsection 1: By inserting after the word "sum" in line six thereof the following: "and the Board of Public Utility Commissioners shall as soon as may be thereafter cause notice of the authorization of such loan to be published in one issue of the Official Gazette."

17. Section 128, subsection 3: By striking out the said subsection and substituting therefor the following:

“(3) Debentures shall not run for a longer term than twenty years if the school buildings are built of brick, concrete or stone, nor for a longer period than fifteen years if built of frame or brick veneer, or ten years if built of log:

“Provided that in the event of the first instalment of principal and interest of any debenture being made payable at any time after one year from the date of the debenture as provided by section 10 of chapter 27 of the Ordinances of 1903 (Second Session), such debentures may run for such longer term than twenty, fifteen or ten years, as the case may be, as may be necessary to allow of repayment in twenty, fifteen or ten years as the case may be, from the date of the payment of the first instalment of principal and interest;

“Provided further that in the case of town or consolidated districts the debentures thereof may be made to run for a term not exceeding thirty years if the school buildings are of solid brick, concrete or stone;

“Provided further that in the case of a town or consolidated district debentures issued for the purpose of purchasing a school site or sites may be made to run for a period not exceeding forty years;

“Provided further that in the case of a school district within which an incorporated city is in whole or in part situated, debentures for school buildings or school sites may be made to run for a term not exceeding fifty years if the school buildings are of solid brick, concrete or stone.”

18. Section 131: By repealing subsection 3 thereof and by amending subsection 5 thereof by striking out the figure “3” where the same occurs in line three of said subsection 5.

19. Section 141: By repealing this section and substituting therefor the following new section:

“**141.** The board of any district may engage a teacher of approved qualifications and make the necessary arrangements at the expense of the district for the maintenance of a night school: Provided however that if an Inspector of Schools has recommended the establishment of a night school in any district and the board thereof has failed to establish the same the Minister may direct the board of such district to open and maintain a night school therein for such period as the Minister may determine.

“(2) If the night school is kept open for at least one month a fee not exceeding \$2.00 per month may be charged for each month or portion of a month that a pupil is in attendance: Provided that any district maintaining a technical school or special classes in technical, commercial, art, or other higher training may charge such fees for night classes as shall be approved by the Minister.”

20. Section 165: By adding thereto the following as subsection 2:

“(2) The board of trustees of any district entering into such an agreement shall, unless the Minister otherwise directs, provide conveyance to and from school for those pupils of the district who reside on any quarter section the nearest boundary of which is more than two and one half miles from the school which such pupils have the right to attend:

“Provided, however, that the board of such district shall not be required to provide conveyance for the children of isolated families but shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, make arrangements with the parents or guardians for the conveyance of such children in accordance with the provisions of section 40*w* of this Ordinance if the nearest boundary of the quarter section on which such children reside is more than two and one half miles from the school where they have the right to attend or more than one mile in a direct line from the nearest conveyance route.”

21. Schedule: By adding immediately after Form A the following new form as Form A(*b*):

“FORM A(*b*).

“Proposed . . . . . Consolidated School District of the Province of Alberta.

“The undersigned severally declare each for himself and herself that he or she is of the full age of twenty-one years, that he or she actually resides within the above named proposed consolidated school district at the time of making this declaration and either that he or she has so resided therein and has been the owner or occupant of assessable property therein for a period of at least two months prior to this date or that he or she is the husband, wife, son, daughter, or sister of and resides in the same house as such owner or occupant.

NAME	Property owned or occupied, or residence

“Witness to above signatures:

.....  
*Chairman.*  
 .....  
*Secretary.*

“Dated the . . . . . day of . . . . . A.D. 19 . . . . .”

22. Schedule, Form B(*a*): By adding after the word



“daughter” in line two thereof the words “or sister”.

23. Schedule, Form B(b): By adding after the word “daughter” in line two thereof the words “or sister”.

24. Schedule, Form B(c): By striking out the words “ratepayers or” in line one thereof and by adding after the word “daughter” in line two thereof the words “or sister”.

25. Schedule, Form B: By adding immediately after Form B(c) the following new forms:

“FORM B(d).

“(This form should be used for resident ratepayers or the husband, wife, son, daughter or sister of a resident ratepayer in any established district within a consolidated district not having a revised assessment roll for the consolidated district.)

“The..... School District No..... of the..... Consolidated School District No..... of the Province of Alberta.

“The undersigned severally declare each for himself and herself that he or she is of full age of twenty-one years, that he or she actually resides within the above named district of the said consolidated school district at this date and either that he or she has so resided therein and has been the owner or occupant of assessable property therein for a period of at least two months prior to this date or that he or she is the husband, wife, son, daughter, or sister of and resides in the same house as such owner or occupant.

NAME	Property owned or occupied, or residence

“Witness to above signatures:

.....  
*Chairman.*

.....  
*Secretary.*

“Dated the... day of. . . . .A.D. 19...”

“FORM B(e).

“(This form should be used for resident ratepayers or the husband, wife, son, daughter, or sister of a resident ratepayer of any district within a consolidated school district that has a revised assessment roll for the consolidated district.)

“The..... School District No..... of the..... Consolidated School District No..... of the Province of Alberta.

“The undersigned severally declare each for himself and herself that he or she is of the full age of twenty-one years, that he or she actually resides within the above named district at the date hereof, and either that his or her name appears on the last revised assessment roll of the said consolidated district or that he or she is the husband, wife, son, daughter or sister of and resides in the same house as such resident ratepayer whose name appears on the last revised assessment roll of the consolidated district.

NAME	Property owned or occupied, or residence

“Witness to above signatures:

.....  
*Chairman.*  
 .....  
*Secretary.*

“Dated the ..... day of ..... A.D. 19... ”

26. Schedule: By adding immediately after form C the following new form as form D:

“FORM D.  
 “POLL BOOK.

“Election of Trustees for the ..... S.D.  
 No. .... of the Province of Alberta.

“Date of Poll... ; Poll opened.....;  
 Poll closed.....

NAME OF VOTER	NO.	RESIDENCE	REMARKS

.....  
*“Chairman.”*

2. *The School Assessment Ordinance* is amended as follows:

1. Section 5: By adding thereto immediately after clause 7 thereof the following new clause:

“8. All lands covered with water which are in the course of being reclaimed under any plan or scheme authorized by the Government of Alberta or the Government of Canada.”

2. Section 35a: By inserting immediately after subsection 2 of the said section 35a the following as subsection 3:

“(3) It shall be the duty of every employer to furnish the secretary of the school district in each and every month, and within three days after receipt of a request in writing to that effect from the said secretary, a list of the names of all persons in his employ, and residing within the said district. Every employer failing to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction before a justice of the peace to a penalty not exceeding the sum of \$50.00 and costs for each such offence.”

3. Section 35a, subsection 3: By striking out the figure “(3)” at the beginning thereof and all words down to and including the word “writing” where the same occurs in line four of said subsection and substituting therefor the following:

“4. The secretary by notice in writing.”

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3. *The School Grants Act* is amended as follows:

1. Section 3: By repealing this section and substituting therefor the following:

“GRANTS IN AID OF RURAL EDUCATION.

“3. In aid of schools organized and conducted under the provisions of *The School Ordinance* and regulations in that behalf there shall be paid out of any legislative appropriation made for that purpose—

“1. To rural districts:

“(a) To each district, the sum of \$1.00 per day for each legally authorized teaching day during which the school is kept open;

“(b) An additional sum of 20 cents per day for each legally authorized teaching day during which the school is kept open in the year of the organization of the school district and the three succeeding years; First years of operation

“(c) To each district in which more than one room is maintained the sum of \$2.00 per day for each legally authorized teaching day during which such additional room is kept open; provided however that such grant shall not be payable unless the teacher in charge of such room holds qualifications satisfactory to the Department of Education; Additional aid for more than one room

“(d) To any such district maintaining more than one room and having in its senior room a daily average attendance of at least six pupils in grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the Department in addition to the sums mentioned For pupils above grade eight

under subclause (c) above, a special grant of \$1.00 per day for each day such room is kept open; provided that such grant shall not be payable unless provision is made for the education of all non-resident children of such grades who may apply for admission, and unless the teacher in charge of such room holds qualifications satisfactory to the Department of Education;

- “(e) To any such district maintaining more than one <sup>Community room</sup> room and having its senior room equipped for community uses, a grant of fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost of approved school equipment for such senior room up to a maximum grant of \$250.00;
- “(f) To any district maintaining more than one <sup>Conveyance of pupils</sup> room and providing for the conveyance of pupils in accordance with the provisions of *The School Ordinance*, the sum of \$1.50 per day for each van or conveyance employed to convey pupils to and from school; provided that the van or conveyance employed, the route travelled and the contract with the van driver shall in each case be approved by the Minister before such grant is payable;
- “(g) To each district upon its establishment an initial <sup>Initial grant to library</sup> grant of \$15.00;
- “(h) To each district whose school attains a minimum <sup>Grant to library on Inspector's grading</sup> grading in its efficiency in respect to grounds, buildings, equipment, government and progress a sum not exceeding 15 cents per day for the first four years after that in which it was erected, and thereafter a sum not exceeding ten cents per day to be paid in proportion to such grading for each day the school is kept open, and such grading shall be based upon the Inspector's report or reports as prescribed by the regulations of the Department:
- “Provided, however, that the Department may in lieu of such sums as are provided for in subclauses (g) and (h) hereof or any portion of such sums supply to each district for its school library or libraries books of equal value selected from the list authorized by the Department of Education for library purposes;
- “(i) To each district an annual grant of fifty per cent. <sup>School gardens</sup> (50%) of the board's expenditure on improvement and up-keep of a school garden and the value of approved equipment for the teaching of elementary agriculture up to a maximum grant of \$15.00;

- “(j) To a teacher of approved qualifications giving instruction in elementary agriculture and school gardening, an annual grant of \$25.00; <sup>Bonus to teacher</sup>
- “(k) To each district an annual grant equal to fifty per cent. (50%) of the value of approved equipment for instruction in manual training and household economics up to a maximum grant of \$15.00 for each; <sup>Manual training and household economics</sup>
- “(l) To a teacher of approved qualifications giving instruction in manual training or household science, an annual grant of \$20.00; <sup>Bonus to teacher</sup>
- “(m) To each district that erects a teacher’s residence of not less than \$1,000.00 in value according to plans approved by the Department of Education and provides approved furnishings and maintains such residence and furnishings and the grounds appurtenant to such residence to the satisfaction of an Inspector of Schools— <sup>Teacher’s residence</sup>
- “(i) A grant equal to one-third of the value of such residence and furnishings when the same have been provided without the issue of a debenture; <sup>When no debenture issue</sup>
- “(ii) A grant equal to one-third of the value of such residence and furnishings together with the debenture interest accruing due during the first one-third portion of the total period the debenture has to run when a debenture has been issued to provide such residence and furnishings, and said grant shall be payable in such annual amounts during the first one-third portion of the period the debenture has to run as may be determined by the Minister; <sup>When debentures have been issued</sup>
- “(n) To any district maintaining night classes when the courses of study taught and the qualifications of the teacher or teachers employed are approved by the Department of Education, an annual grant equal to fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost of tuition up to a maximum grant of \$100.00; provided that no grant under this clause will be paid unless such night classes are in operation for at least two months between the first of October and the first of May of the following year. <sup>Night schools</sup>

“GRANTS IN AID OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN VILLAGE AND TOWNS.

“2. To village and town districts for all grades up to and including grade eight as classified by the regulations of the Department:

- “(a) To a district in which the number of teachers employed does not exceed 40, the sum of \$1.00 for each day the school is kept open;
- “(b) To a district in which the number of teachers employed is between 41 and 100 inclusive, the sum of 80 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- “(c) To any district in which the number of teachers employed is more than 100, the sum of 60 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- “(d) To any district having in its senior room a daily average attendance of at least six pupils in grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the Department and not maintaining one or more rooms exclusively for such grades, in addition to the sum mentioned under subclause (a) above the sum of \$2.00 per day for each day such room is kept open; provided that such grant shall not be payable unless provision is made for the education without fees of all non-resident children of such grades who may apply for admission and unless the teacher in charge of such room holds qualifications satisfactory to the Department of Education.

“GRANTS IN AID OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN  
CONSOLIDATED DISTRICTS.

“3. To consolidated school districts for all grades up to and including grade eight as classified by the regulations of the Department:

- “(a) The total amount of the grant which in the estimation of the Minister would have been earned by each of the districts within the consolidated district if each of such districts had been conducting school for the number of days that the school of the consolidated district is kept open; Each unit considered in computing grant
- “(b) To any consolidated district having in its senior room at least six pupils in grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the Department, and not maintaining a room exclusively for such grades, a total grant of \$3.00 per day for each day such room is kept open; provided, however, that such grant shall not be payable unless provision is made for the education without fees of all non-resident children of such grades who may apply for admission and unless the teacher in charge of such room holds qualifications satisfactory to the Department of Education; For pupils above grade eight
- “(c) To any consolidated school district, the sum of \$1.50 per day for each van or conveyance employed by the district to convey pupils to and from school; Conveyance of pupils

provided that the van or conveyance employed, the route travelled and the contract with the van driver shall in each case be approved by the Minister before such grant is payable;

- “(d) To each consolidated district which has provided <sup>For motor conveyance</sup> by purchase an approved motor conveyance, in addition to the amount provided under the next preceding subclause, a special grant of \$1.00 per day for each day such motor conveyance is employed in the conveyance of pupils to and from school;
- “(e) To each consolidated district the board of which <sup>Conveyance of isolated pupils</sup> has made arrangements with the parents or guardians for the conveyance of the children of isolated families in accordance with the provisions of *The School Ordinance*, such amount as may be determined by the Minister;
- “(f) To each consolidated school district having its <sup>Community room</sup> senior room equipped for community uses a grant of fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost of approved school equipment for such senior room up to a maximum grant of \$250.00:  
 “Provided always that the provisions of sub-clause (m) of clause 1 hereof shall also apply to <sup>Teacher's residence</sup> consolidated districts.

“GRANTS IN AID OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.

“4. To village, consolidated and town districts for grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the Department:

- “(a) To each district in which the number of teachers <sup>Village, consolidated and town schools</sup> employed does not exceed 12 and which maintains one or more rooms exclusively for pupils in grades above the eighth and having a daily average attendance of not less than 15, the sum of \$2.00 per day for each legally authorized teaching day the school is kept open;
- “(b) To a district in which the number of teachers <sup>Cities</sup> employed exceeds 12 and which maintains one or more rooms exclusively for pupils in grades above the eighth and having a daily average attendance of not less than 15 the sum of \$1.50 per day for every day the school is kept open;
- “(c) To each district maintaining one or more rooms <sup>Special grant in lieu of fees for non-residents</sup> exclusively for pupils in grades above the eighth having a daily average attendance of not less than 15 and providing facilities for the education without fees of all non-resident children of such grades, who may apply for admission, in addition to the sums mentioned under subclauses (a) and (b) above, a special grant of \$1.50 per day for each day school is kept open;

“GRANTS IN AID OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

“5. To any district employing more than 30 teachers and providing instruction in household economics, manual training, commercial work, music or art:

“(a) An annual grant equal to twenty per cent. (20%) Percentage of salaries of instructors of the salaries of the teachers giving instruction in these subjects, whose qualifications have been approved by the Department, up to a maximum grant of \$6,000.00; and

“(b) An annual grant equal to ten per cent. (10%) Equipment of the value of approved equipment used in giving instruction in such subjects up to a maximum grant of \$5,000.00.

“6. When any two or more districts have entered into an agreement under the provisions of section 95c of *The School Ordinance* for the purpose of providing instruction in manual training, household economics or commercial work— Co-operation of districts for work in technical education

“(a) An annual grant equal to fifty per cent. (50%) Salaries and travelling expenses of instructors of the salaries and travelling expenses of teachers of approved qualifications giving instruction in such subjects up to a maximum grant of \$2,000.00; provided that the Minister may apportion the payment of such grant among the districts having entered into such agreement;

“(b) A grant equal to fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost First equipment of approved equipment for the first equipment provided to give instruction in such subjects up to a maximum grant of \$1,000.00;

“(c) An annual grant of fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost of all additional equipment provided for giving instruction in such subjects after the first equipment up to a maximum grant of \$100.00 a year; Additional equipment

“(d) When in any of the above mentioned districts the Board of School Trustees has provided efficient instruction in music or art, throughout the grades, by one of its regular teachers or a special teacher, whose qualifications are approved by the Department of Education, an annual grant of \$50.00 to each teacher giving instruction in such subjects, who has been teaching in the district for one year; provided that in case such teacher has been employed in the district for less than one year a proportional amount of such grant may be paid on the recommendation of an Inspector of Schools. Bonus to teacher

“7. To any district other than those mentioned in clauses 5 and 6 hereof, having one or more graded schools where the Board of School Trustees has provided efficient instruction in either household economics, manual training, music or art, throughout the grades, by one of its regular teachers Instruction in special subjects by one of the regular teachers



or a special teacher whose qualifications are approved by the Department—

- “(a) A grant of fifty per cent. (50%) of the value of <sup>Equipment</sup> approved equipment used in giving instruction in such subjects up to a maximum grant of \$250.00; and
- “(b) An annual grant of \$50.00 to each teacher giving <sup>Bonus to teacher</sup> instruction in any one of such subjects who has been teaching in the district for one year; provided that in case such teacher has been employed in the district for less than one year a proportional amount of such grant may be paid on the recommendation of an Inspector of Schools.
- “8. To any village, consolidated or town district not employing more than thirty teachers—
- “(a) When night class instruction in the ordinary school <sup>Night classes in ordinary school subjects</sup> subjects only is given by teachers of approved qualifications an annual grant equal to fifty per cent. (50%) of the cost of tuition up to a maximum grant of \$200.00;
- “(b) When approved instruction in vocational and <sup>Night classes in technical subjects</sup> technical subjects in addition to ordinary school subjects is given, an annual grant equal to sixty per cent. (60%) of the cost of tuition up to a maximum grant of \$250.00.
- “9. To any district employing more than thirty teachers, <sup>Night classes in cities</sup> an annual grant equal to forty per cent. (40%) of the cost of tuition in approved night class instruction up to a maximum grant of \$1,500.00.
- “10. To any village, consolidated or town district giving <sup>Instruction in science and agriculture</sup> approved instruction in science and agriculture and related school gardening, an annual grant of fifty per cent. (50%) of the board's expenditure on improvement and up-keep of a school garden and the value of approved equipment for such instruction up to a maximum grant of \$100.00.
- “11. To any village, consolidated or town district employ- <sup>Grant to library on inspector's grading</sup> ing not more than thirty teachers, a sum not exceeding 5 cents per day and to any such district employing more than thirty teachers, a sum not exceeding 3 cents per day for each day the school is kept open to be paid in proportion to grading as based upon the Inspector's report or reports as prescribed by the regulations of the Department; provided, however, that the Department may in lieu of such sum or sums as are provided for in this subclause or any portion thereof supply to each of such districts for its school library or libraries books of equal value selected from the list authorized by the Department of Education for library purposes.
- “12. To each district providing means of conveyance <sup>Joint operation of districts under section 165</sup> for the children of the district to the school of another district under the provisions of section 165 of *The School*

*Ordinance* such amount as the Minister may determine but not to exceed the amount the district would have earned had it kept its own school open for the number of days such conveyance was used with a minimum attendance of five:

“Provided, however, that where a separate school district <sup>Classification of districts</sup> has been established within the area of a public school district, such public and separate school districts shall for the purpose of classification under clauses 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11 above, be deemed to be one district only, but in apportioning the grant payable to the public and separate schools respectively there shall be no discrimination:

“Provided further, that the increase in the number of <sup>Transition from one class to another</sup> teachers employed in the schools of any town or city shall not have the effect of reducing the total amount of grant payable to the schools in such town or city; and where a separate school district has been established within the area of a public school district the total amount payable to the schools of such public and separate school districts shall be divided between the two districts in proportion to the number of teachers employed in each. C. 13, 1914, s. 4.”

2. Sections 3b, 4 and 5: By renumbering these sections as 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

3. Section 6: By renumbering this section as section 7 and by striking out the figures “5” and “6” where the same occur in line three thereof and substituting therefor the figures “4” and “11” respectively.

4. Section 8: By striking out the words “clause 1 or clause 2” where the same occur in line two thereof and substituting therefor the following: “clauses 1, 2, 3 or 4”

5. Section 9: By striking out the words “clause 1 or clause 2” where the same occur in line three thereof and substituting therefor the following: “clauses 1, 2, 3 or 4”.

6. Section 10: By striking out the words “clause 1 or clause 2” where the same occur in line four thereof and substituting therefor the following: “clauses 1, 2, 3 or 4”.

7. Section 11: By striking out the words “clause 3” where the same occur in line one thereof and substituting therefor the following: “subclause (h) of clause 1 and clause 11”.

8. Section 18: By renumbering this section as section 17 and inserting after the word “supervisors” in line one of said section the following: “of physical culture and kindergarten instructors”

9. Sections 19 and 20: By renumbering these sections as “18” and “19” respectively.

4. *The School Attendance Act* is amended as follows:

1. Section 3: By repealing this section and substituting the following new section therefor:

“3. Every child who has attained the age of seven years and who has not yet attained the full age of fifteen years shall attend school for the full term or terms during which the school of the district in which he resides is open each year or in case such district operates more than one school then for the full term or terms during which the school therein which he has the right to attend is open each year unless excused for the reasons hereinafter mentioned:

“Provided however that if the board of any district has under the provisions of *The School Ordinance* entered into an agreement with the board of another district for the education of its children the school of such last mentioned district shall be deemed to be the school of the district in which such children reside for the purposes of this section.”

2. Section 5, clause (c): By striking out this clause and substituting therefor the following clause:

“(c) If the nearest public or separate school which the child has the right to attend is more than two and one half miles distant from the nearest boundary of the quarter section or lesser parcel of land upon which the child resides measured by the nearest highway from such child’s residence if he is under ten years of age:

“Provided, however, that this clause shall not apply and no child shall be excused from attendance on account of distance from school in the case of pupils of a consolidated district or other district where conveyance has been provided or arrangements made with the parents or guardians for the conveyance of pupils of isolated families in accordance with the provisions of *The School Ordinance*:

“Provided further that in computing distances for the purpose of this Act the Dominion Lands Survey shall be accepted as final and conclusive and all sections of land shall be deemed to be one mile square and no more and the width of road allowances shall be excluded from the computation and distance from school shall be deemed to mean the distance from the nearest boundary of the school site on which the school in question is situated.”

3. Section 6, subsection 1: By striking out the word “fourteen” in line one thereof and substituting therefor the word “fifteen”.

4. Section 6, subsection 2: By adding after the word “principal” where the same occurs in line seven thereof the following: “Upon application in writing being made by the parent or guardian of such child”.

5. Section 6, subsection 2: By adding thereto the following proviso:

“Provided, however, that such certificate if granted by a commissioner of the juvenile court shall be granted by such commissioner in open court only and upon two days’ notice of the application therefor being given to the secretary or attendance officer of the district in which the child resides.”

6. Section 8, subsection 1: By adding after the word “attention” where it occurs in line three thereof the following words: “and except as hereinafter provided”.

7. Section 9, subsection 1: By adding thereto the following proviso:

“Provided, however, that if any parent, guardian or other person as aforesaid has been served with a notice as provided in the preceding section it shall not be necessary within a period of twelve months thereafter to serve such parent, guardian or other person with any other notice because of any further non-compliance with the provisions of this Act; and if such parent, guardian or other person within the said period of twelve months fails to cause the same child or any other child of whom he has charge or control between the ages mentioned in section 3 of this Act to attend school and continue in regular attendance thereat as required by this Act, such parent, guardian or other person shall be liable to prosecution and subject to the penalties imposed under this section as fully and completely as if he had been served with notice in every case.”

8. Section 9, subsection 2: By striking out the word “some” in the last line thereof.

9. Schedule A: By repealing the same and substituting therefor the following new schedule:

“SCHEDULE A.

“To.....(Name and address of parent or guardian.)

“Take notice that unless within five days from the receipt by you of this notice you cause your child (or ward) .....(child’s or ward’s name to be inserted here) to attend school you will be liable to prosecution under *The School Attendance Act* of the Province of Alberta.

“And further take notice that if within twelve months after the date of service of this notice upon you you fail to cause the above mentioned child or any other child of whom you have charge or control between the ages of seven and fifteen years to attend school and continue in regular attendance thereat you will be liable to prosecution under the said Act without further notice.

.....  
Attendance Officer.”

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