

thereof are in poor circumstances and require pecuniary assistance to enable them to build a schoolhouse therein, then it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to grant the sum of five pounds to the trustees of such district to be expended in erecting such schoolhouse.

XXIV. Every schoolhouse hereafter to be erected and used as such, within any district now or hereafter established under this Act, and not already contracted to be built, shall not be less in clear area than four hundred square feet, nor in the height of post than ten feet clear between the floor and ceiling, or be built nearer to the highway than ten yards.

XXV. In all cases where a schoolhouse is now or shall hereafter be erected on Church grounds, and the trustees or managers of such Church property are desirous of obtaining the benefits of this Act, and of having such school established as a district school, a lease of such schoolhouse shall be given by the parties in whom such property is vested, or who shall have the legal controul over the same, to the Board of Education, for the time being, to hold to them and their successors in office for such term as may be required for the purposes of this Act, or as may be agreed upon in that behalf.

XXVI. The public schoolhouse in every district established or regulated under this or any former Act relating to Education may, with the consent of the majority of the trustees thereof, be used by the licensed teacher thereof for the purpose of teaching night or evening classes therein, for his or her own benefit, and such schoolhouse may be used as a place of worship, or for any other lawful public meeting, with the consent of the trustees, as aforesaid, and at such time as they may appoint; provided always, that in no case shall it interfere with the duties of such licensed teacher, and provided further, that the Board of Education shall have full power to prevent any such public schoolhouse being used at any time during the regular school hours in each day for any other purpose, or by any other person than such licensed teacher, for teaching a public school therein under this Act.

XXVII. The average number of scholars for daily attendance at district schools shall hereafter be in the following proportion to the number of children, between the ages of five and sixteen years, in such districts respectively,

that is to say, in districts where there are forty children and upwards, but less than fifty within the ages aforesaid the average number of scholars for daily attendance shall be twenty. In districts where there is the number of fifty children, and less than sixty within the ages aforesaid the average daily attendance, shall be twenty-five scholars, and in districts where there are sixty children and upwards the average daily attendance at the school therein shall be thirty, and in all cases where the average daily attendance of scholars at such schools shall hereafter be found to be less than the numbers herein before prescribed for such schools, respectively the salary allowed by this Act, to the Teachers of such schools shall be reduced; such reduction to bear the same proportion to the number of scholars deficient of, or less than the aforesaid averages respectively, as the said Teacher's salary bears to such average, which said average shall be reckoned half yearly, and all parents of children within the bounds of such district, shall be liable to make up and contribute towards such deficiency in proportion to the number of children within the said ages, which such parents may have respectively, and in default of such contribution, after the same shall have been duly demanded, the said amount so to be deducted from the said salary shall be raised by an assessment to be levied by the Trustees, on the parents or guardians of all children in the said school district; such assessment to be apportioned as to them, or a majority of them, shall, under the circumstances of the case, and due regard being had to the means of the various parties, appear just and reasonable, and to be levied, raised, and recovered, in such manner, and subject to such rules, conditions, and regulations, as are prescribed for levying or recovering assessment by this Act.

XXVIII. No Schoolmaster or Teacher shall be entitled to any allowance by virtue of this Act, unless the inhabitants of his, or her school district shall have first provided a sufficient schoolhouse to be exclusively used for that purpose, (except as in this Act provided) and also that there have been at the least forty children between the ages of five and sixteen, resident within his or her school district for the six months immediately preceding the period of his or her claiming his allowance, and that the average daily attendance of scholars during the said six months, shall not have been less than twenty. Provided always that this provision shall not extend to school districts now or here-