

arrangement, so as to render such district or districts more suited to the convenience of the respective inhabitants therein, it shall be lawful for the Board, in their discretion if they deem it necessary, to nominate and appoint three competent persons, not resident in the district or districts respecting which the application may have been so made, to examine into the particulars, and such persons so appointed as aforesaid, after notice of their intention so to do shall have been posted for at least six days previous on the schoolhouse in the district, or if the application shall concern more than one district, then on the respective schoolhouses in the several districts in question, shall attend at such time and place in such district, or either of such districts as shall in such notice be specified, and shall personally then and there proceed to make enquiry in such manner and to such extent as they, or a majority of them, shall deem requisite, and if they should be of opinion that the interest or convenience of the inhabitants would be promoted by an alteration in the boundaries of such district or districts respectively, or should deem it expedient that such districts should be merged into one, or otherwise re-arranged, they shall fix and decide upon the manner or define the extent of such alteration, and shall thereupon report such their opinion and determination under their hands, or the hands of a majority of them, to the said Board, whose order or decision thereon, when sanctioned by the Administrator of the Government in Council, shall be final and conclusive, and, upon such order of the Board being so confirmed, the same shall be duly notified to the inhabitants of the district or districts respectively, regarding the boundaries or extent of the alterations respecting which such determination shall have been made, by letter addressed and mailed in the General Post Office, in Charlottetown, by the Secretary of the Board of Education, to one of the Trustees of any district so altered, or wherein the site of any schoolhouse shall be changed.

XVII. Every person who shall be appointed for the purpose in the last preceding clause mentioned, shall receive from the public Treasury eight-pence per mile for every mile necessarily travelled by him for the purposes therein mentioned, and also the sum of ten shillings collectively for the report in writing and transmitting the same to the Board, the same to be paid on producing a voucher and

certificate thereof, signed by the Secretary and three members of the Board, who shall therein state that the application on which the commission has been issued was reasonable, and if otherwise then the expenses shall be borne by the applicants.

XVIII. In all cases where the site of a schoolhouse, within any established district, is or has been legally altered under the provisions of this Act, or any present or former law relating to Education, and such schoolhouse is situated upon land held under lease, deed or otherwise, the Trustees of such school district shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to remove the schoolhouse or building from its former site, unless there be a special clause in such lease or other instrument prohibiting such removal.

XIX. All school districts as now registered by the Board of Education are hereby declared to be established and confirmed as school districts, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits conferred upon or belonging to school districts to be established by this Act, notwithstanding any want of form or any error or irregularity whatsoever in the mode of making any original application for the laying off, defining or establishing of any such districts, or in any other proceeding act, matter or thing necessary to be had, done or performed under this Act, or any former Law relating to Education, prior to or in respect of any such registration whatsoever, and a certificate of any such registry as aforesaid, or of any school district hereafter to be registered under or pursuant to this Act, granted under the hands of a majority of the Board of Education, or under the hand of the Secretary of the Board for the time being, shall be evidence sufficient and conclusive of the establishment and boundaries of such district respectively, in all actions, suits or other proceedings in any Court of Law or equity, or before any Court or tribunal whatsoever, in all matters touching or relating to such school district or the school therein, or where it may be necessary to prove the establishment, and boundaries of such district.

XX. If any school in a district established by the Laws heretofore enforced and claiming maintenance under this Act shall be nearer to any other school established, or to be established, than three miles, and it shall appear to the Board of Education, either from the paucity in the number of scholars attending the same, or