

the case may be ", in the first, second and third lines, by the words : " or a Council of Arbitration, as the case may be."

17. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

CHAP. 33

An Act to amend the Education Act respecting school districts, dissentients. and the pensions of officers and their widows'

[Assented to 29th May, 1909]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Article 115 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 28, is amended 62 V., c. 28, s. 115, amended. by adding the following paragraphs :

" If, in any school year, the average number of children attending the school of a district, is less than ten children of school age, the school board may close such school, and, if necessary, may have the children conveyed free of charge to one or more schools of their municipality. They may also, in such case, annex the district to one or more districts, temporarily or permanently in their discretion, and their decision thereupon shall not be subject to appeal under article 482. Closing of schools in certain cases, &c. Annexation to another district, &c. No appeal.

When the school board have decided to unite two or more schools, and to convey the children to a central school, they may, in their discretion, assume all the necessary expenses, including the purchase of suitable vehicles for the use of the persons undertaking such conveyance. The contract for the conveyance of the children along the route to be indicated, shall be given by tender after public notice specifying all the conditions of such contract including an upset price therefor. The lowest tender shall not exceed the price fixed by the school board and if the contract is not accepted at such price, any member of the school board may, on the unanimous vote of the other members, accept the contract at the price fixed. The contract, in such case, shall be for one year only, and may be renewed on the same conditions, after tenders have been called for." Expense of conveying children to central school. Contract therefor how given, and to whom, &c.

2. The said act is amended by inserting the following article after article 126: Id., s. 126a, enacted.

" 126a. As soon as such trustees are elected, every rate-payer of the municipality belonging to the religious denomina- Persons are dissentients who have

given certain notices. tion of the dissentients, and who has either given the notice mentioned in articles 123 and 124, or who thereafter gives a notice in writing to the chairman of the school commissioners and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he withdraws from the control of the school commissioners, shall be deemed to be a dissentient, and shall, for school purposes, be under the control of the trustees.

Certain others deemed dissentients.

So soon as the rate-payers who have signed one of the notices mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, shall amount to two-thirds of the rate-payers of the municipality professing a religion different from that of the majority of the inhabitants thereof, then all the rate-payers of the municipality of the religious denomination of such dissentients, who have not given such a notice, and who do not send their children to a school under the control of the school commissioners, shall also be deemed dissentients.

Scope of article.

This article shall apply to cases where school trustees are elected under the provisions of articles 128, 132 or 135."

Id., s. 139, replaced. How dissentients may cease to be such.

3. Article 139 of the said act is replaced by the following :

" **139.** Subject to article 129 every dissentient may cease to be such, upon giving notice, simultaneously, to the chairman or secretary of the trustees and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, before the first day of May, that he professes the religion of the majority, and that he therefore desires to be under the control of the school commissioners of such municipality."

Id., section and article added.

4. The following section and articles are inserted in the said act after section ninth of chapter fourth of title second :

" SECTION IXa

POWERS OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND TRUSTEES RESPECTING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL SAVINGS' BANKS

School savings' banks.

215a. 1. The school commissioners or trustees may, if they think fit, establish savings' banks, called "school savings' banks", within their municipalities.

Administration thereof.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may make regulations necessary for the administration of such funds, and such regulations shall come into force fifteen days after publication thereof in the *Quebec Official Gazette*."

Id., s. 397, amended.

5. Article 397 of the said act is amended:

a. By inserting therein before the word "The", in the first line, the words : "Subject to article 405."

b. By adding the following paragraph:

"In a school municipality in which there are two school boards, each board, in levying a special tax, may tax incorporated companies in the same way as other rate-payers under their control, to an amount equal to the amount such board would have been entitled to receive if such tax had been an ordinary tax apportioned in accordance with the first paragraph of this article."

Levying of special taxes from incorporated companies, &c.

6. Article 398 of the said act is repealed.

Id., s. 398, repealed.

7. Article 401 of the said act is amended by striking out all the words after the word "assessments", in the third line.

Id., s. 401, amended.

8. Article 494 of the said act is amended:

Id., s. 494, amended.

a. By adding after the word "pension", in the first line, the words: "of every male officer of primary instruction."

b. By replacing the words: "one-fiftieth", in the second line, by the words: "two per cent."

c. By adding thereto the following paragraphs:

"The pension of every female officer of primary instruction, except in the case provided for by article 518, shall be three per cent of the average salary for each year of service up to thirty-five years; provided, however, that such pension shall not exceed ninety per cent of the salary which such officer was receiving when she retired, nor the amount fixed by article 495.

Pension of female teacher.

The last preceding paragraph shall apply to every female officer of primary instruction, who had retired at the time of the coming into force of this act."

To whom article applies.

9. Article 495 of the said act is amended by replacing all the words before the word "except", in the third line, by the words: "For the purposes of this act, no pension shall exceed eight hundred and five dollars a year."

Id., s. 495, amended.

10. Article 505 of the said act is amended by inserting therein after the word "stoppages", in the fourth line, the following words: "and if such sum has not been paid in due time, the officer may pay it on or before the 30th day of June, 1913."

Id., s. 505, amended.

11. Article 510 of the said act is amended by replacing the words "January, 1887", in the second line, by the words: "July, 1913."

Id., s. 510, amended.

12. Article 511 of the said act is amended by replacing the words "January, 1887", in the third line of the second paragraph, by the words: "July, 1913."

Id., s. 511, amended.

Id., s. 513,
amended.

13. Article 513 of the said act, as amended by the act 6 Edward VII chapter 23, section 8 is further amended.

a. By striking out the words "from the pension of every pensioner", in the second and third lines of paragraph 1 ;

b. By replacing the words "five thousand", in the first line of paragraph 3, by the words : "twelve thousand."

Id., s. 517,
amended.

14. Article 517 of the said act is amended by adding after the word "any", in the third line, the words : "and then to proportionately increase the pensions of the male pensioners who have a pension of less than three hundred dollars ; provided, however, that no such pension be increased more than fifty per cent nor when so increased exceed three hundred dollars."

Surplus of
pension fund
how ex-
pended.

Id., s. 528,
repealed.

15. Article 528 of the said act is repealed.

Coming into
force.

16. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 34

An act to amend the Education Act respecting school commissioners and trustees

[Assented to 29th May, 1909]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

62 V., c. 28,
s. 145,
amended.

1. Article 145 of the Act 62 Victoria, chapter 28, is amended by inserting after the word "rate-payers" in the fourth line the words: "and every husband of a rate-payer."

Coming into
force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.
