

ing inquiries concerning public matters. Saturday is a statutory holiday in schools unless altered by law of the Comrs. or Trustees, approved by the Superintendent. A new form of engagements is provided, the old being valid till their term expires. The examiners of the polytechnic school are to be appointed by the Superintendent under the authority of the L. G. in C. not on the report of the Comrs. of that school. Meetings of School Comrs. may be called upon order of the chairman by the Secy.-Treas. He must call one upon demand of 2 Comrs. under a penalty of \$5. The meetings are not public; the Comrs. may admit only those whose presence they deem necessary. Taxes for school houses are to be levied on the district or the whole municipality according to the practice heretofore obtaining therein. If the former, and a model school be required, the district is to pay what a common school would cost and the balance is levied on the whole municipality, including such district. These taxes are to be levied after the usual notices. Comrs. or Trustees, with leave of the Superintendent, may erect more than 1 school house in a district. When districts have not been formed, they may, with the leave of the Superintendent and Committee spend \$3,000, in increasing school accommodation and improving houses and grounds, raising the funds by special tax. With a like approval and under rules to be made, they may spend \$1,000 per an. more than heretofore authorized in aid of superior schools, model schools and academies. Where there is no division into districts graded schools may be established upon like authority. In case of a difficulty respecting the school accounts between the Comrs. or Trustees and Secy.-Treasurer, or on a written application from 5 contributors to school funds, the superintendent may order the accounts and vouchers to be transmitted or laid before him, or may go or send a delegate to the spot to hear the parties and examine the books and documents. His decision has the effect of a judgment upon arbitration. The Comrs. or Trustees may appoint auditors to examine the books of the Secy.-Treas., the chairman giving the latter notice when his accounts are to be examined. He is to be served with notice of the auditors report after it has been received and approved by the Comrs. and must pay over any balance due in 15 days. If he contests such report the case is referred to the superintendent, who examines himself or sends a school Inspector to do so. His judgment thereupon is final, and may be executed by the courts. But the parties may proceed against the Secy.-Treas. under 40 V., c. 22 if they prefer it. If a Secy.-Treas. accounts have been rendered but not admitted—he may serve notice on the Comrs. to have an auditor appointed. If they do not appoint he may carry the case before the superintendent. The Secy.-Treas. may be sued by the superintendent if the Comrs. or Trustees fail to take proceedings, for moneys remaining in his hands. The costs of any special investigation by an Inspector, as well as other costs in these cases, are settled by the judgment of the superintendent. Access to the accounts of the Comrs. or Trustees is to be granted to contributors to school funds under rules framed by the

former, or in their default by the superintendent. Where by division into new an old school municipality ceases to exist—an Inspector is appointed to examine the accounts, after notice to those interested, and report to the superintendent. He may authorize one of the new municipalities to collect the rates and pay the liabilities of the old. Any balance to be divided between, or any deficit to be made good by the new corporations in proportion to their last valuation. Books and other school apparatus and appliances may be sold out of the depository to municipalities, schools, or educational establishments, teachers, clergymen or booksellers. The Comrs. or Trustees procure them on requisition and must supply them free to their schools, making their rates sufficient to pay for them. When a school municipality is merged in another the latter is entitled to all its property, &c., saving rights to compensation to be settled by the Comrs. or Superintendent. When the disinterested body becomes the majority the organizations are to be changed accordingly. The property of every educational establishment not receiving aid from the municipality is free from municipal taxation for schools. Unless where otherwise specially provided by statute, the monthly contributions form part of the assessments and may be recovered in like manner. If they have been payable in wood or grain the Comrs. fix their cash value and proceed for that amount. The annual election of Comrs. or Trustees must finish at 5 p.m. of the day on which it begins. When the Superintendent is absent or ill he may delegate his duties to one of the Secretaries.

SHERBROOKE.

Chap. 7.—Amends the Act making special provision for public instruction in Sherbrooke.

REGISTERS OF CIVIL STATUS.

Chap. 8.—The duplicate registers may be divided into 3 vols. one each for births, marriages and burials, or 2 vols.—marriages and births together. They may be blank or prepared with printed forms, but where there are only two vols., the births are to be placed consecutively in the first part and marriages in the latter part of that vol. When bodies are delivered to schools of medicine &c., the person performing that duty makes entry of it in the duplicate register in place of a burial. The Inspector of Anatomy is bound to do this after three days' notice from the clergyman to whose faith the deceased belonged. Space is to be left at the end of the duplicate register of deaths for such entries. The Inspector is liable to a penalty of \$8 to \$80 for neglect of this duty. An alphabetical index must be made at the end of each register by the person keeping it.

THE SALES OF MOVEABLES OF SUCCESSIONS.

Chap. 9.—Sales of moveables belonging to successions to which there was a minor heir, made since the coming into effect of the C. C. P. are valid (notwithstanding articles 1,329 and 572) though made on the