

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

"PUBLIC SCHOOL ACT, 1872."

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

At a meeting of your Committee, appointed to examine and report on the working of the "Public School Act, 1872," held on Saturday the 20th day of March, 1875, it was unanimously *Resolved*, as follows:—

1. That compulsory education should be made general throughout British Columbia, taking as a basis the compulsory clauses of the Ontario School Act, which make it obligatory on all children "to attend some school, or be otherwise educated for four months "in each year, from the age of seven to twelve years, inclusive."

2. That Clause 7 of the "Public School Amendment Act, 1873," be so amended as to make it obligatory on the Trustees to select and appoint their Teacher from among the duly qualified Teachers, whose names shall be submitted to the Trustees by the Board of Education.

3. That, on complaint being made to the Board of Education, by any person resident in a School District, as to the moral conduct of the School Teacher in such District, the Board of Education should have power to investigate such charge; and, upon being satisfied of its truth, if they shall deem it sufficient, to disqualify such Teacher from holding his position, the Board of Education should have power to cancel the certificate of such Teacher, and thereupon it should be the duty of the Trustees to dismiss such Teacher.

4. That power should be given to the Board of Education to close Schools where the attendance falls below ten, if, in their discretion, they shall think fit.

5. That after the word "Secretary" in Section 18, "Public School Act, 1872," the words "said poll to close at 4 P.M. on the day of the School meeting" be inserted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

*Committee Room,
20th March, 1875.*