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age and for freight and express charges necessarily made in connection with his official duties, shall be allowed him in the settlement of his account.

SEC. 5. The Superintendent of Education shall hold a teachers' institute in each county during each biennial term, and may hold additional institutes if in his judgment advisable; but not more than two institutes shall be held in any county during a biennial term. An institute shall not continue more than four days.

SEC. 6. If the Superintendent of Education is unable to be present at a teachers' institute, he may direct the Supervisor of Schools of any county to conduct such institute; and he may at any time require the Supervisor of one county to assist in the institute of another county.

SEC. 7. In every teachers' institute especial attention shall be given to the training of teachers in methods of instruction; and the Superintendent of Education may employ persons specially skilled in such work to aid in an institute when he deems it advisable so to do.

SEC. 8. The entire expense of a teachers' institute shall not exceed thirty dollars for each day such institute is in session, and the same shall be paid by the Superintendent of Education, and be received by him from the State.

SEC. 9. The Superintendent of Education shall, on occasions other than the holding of

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institutes, visit each county annually, and as many towns in each county as practicable, deliver lectures upon educational subjects, confer with and advise school officers and teachers, and investigate the condition of schools.

SEC. 10. The Superintendent of Education shall present to the General Assembly, on the first day of each biennial session, a report for the preceding two years, which shall contain an account of his official doings, a statement of the condition of the schools and the expenditure of the school money, and such suggestions for the improvement of schools as he deems proper.

SEC. 11. Not more than four thousand copies of such report shall be printed. Each Supervisor of the Schools shall receive twenty copies. Members of the General Assembly, Town Clerks, District Clerks, and Principals of graded, union and high schools shall each receive one copy. The Superintendent of Education shall make such distribution and shall send the copies, except those for Supervisors of Schools and Members of the General Assembly, to the Town Clerks, who shall deliver them to the persons entitled thereto.

SEC. 12. The Superintendent of Education shall, at the end of every three months, file with the Auditor an itemized account of his expenses verified by his oath; and as soon as the same can be examined, he shall receive an

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order on the Treasurer for the amount found due him on such account, and for one-fourth of his annual salary.

#### CHAPTER II.

#### SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

SEC. 13. Every town at its annual town meeting shall elect one person, a resident of such town, to be a member of a County Board of Education, and the persons so elected shall hold their offices for one year, and shall constitute a Board of Education for that county.

SEC. 14. They shall meet at the shire town of their counties, except the county of Bennington, in which county such meeting shall be held in the town of Arlington, on the first Tuesday of May following their election, and shall organize by the choice from their number of a President and Secretary.

SEC. 15. These Boards of Education shall have cognizance of all matters pertaining to education in their respective counties; shall collect and report such statistics and other information relative to the schools in their counties, as the Superintendent of Education may require of them. They shall, with the supervisor of their counties, constitute a Board for the selection of text books in the branches prescribed by law, to be used in the schools of such county. They shall also individually act

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as Truant Officers for their respective towns. They shall on the first Tuesday of May next, and on the first Tuesday of May of every second year thereafter, elect for their respective counties a Supervisor of Schools, whose term of office shall commence the first day of July following and continue for two years. A vacancy in the office of Supervisor shall be filled by the board.

SEC. 16. They shall be entitled to receive in payment for their services three dollars per day for the time actually spent in the discharge of their duties.

SEC. 17. A supervisor of schools shall, during his term of office, reside in the county for which he is appointed. A supervisor shall not be eligible to a school district office.

SEC. 18. The annual salaries of the Supervisors of Schools for the several counties shall be as follows:—Grand Isle, two hundred dollars; Essex, five hundred dollars; Lamoille, eight hundred dollars; other counties, twelve hundred dollars each.

SEC. 19. A Supervisor of Schools shall be allowed his necessary expenses when traveling on official business to an amount not exceeding one-tourth of his annual salary, and his necessary expenditures for postage and stationery for official use.

SEC. 20. The Supervisors of the counties of Rutland and Windsor may each appoint an

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Assistant Supervisor, and may revoke such appointment at pleasure. An Assistant Supervisor shall visit such schools as may be designated by the Supervisor, discharge the duties prescribed by law in connection with the visitation of schools, and report to the Supervisor. No other duties of a Supervisor shall be performed by his assistant.

SEC. 21. An Assistant Supervisor shall receive four dollars for each day actually spent in official duties, and his necessary cash expenses; but such compensation and expenses shall not together exceed four hundred dollars in any year. The same shall be paid by the Supervisor, and be repaid him as a part of his expenses.

SEC. 22. A Supervisor of Schools whose salary is twelve hundred dollars, shall devote his whole time to the dutics of his office; and a Supervisor whose salary is less than twelve hundred dollars, shall fully perform the duties required of him by law, devoting to such dutics at least an amount of time which shall bear such proportion to the whole time as his salary bears to twelve hundred dollars.

SEC. 23. A Supervisor of Schools shall have the immediate supervision of the public schools of the county, and may, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Education, adopt measures necessary for their examination, regulation and improvement.

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SEC. 24. He shall visit such schools as often as practicable, note the methods of instruction and government, inform himself of the progress of the pupils, and give such advice to the teachers as may be needed.

SEC. 25. He shall, when visiting a school, observe the condition of the schoolhouse, outbuildings and grounds, see if the school is properly supplied with maps and apparatus, and ascertain if all the pupils are provided with necessary text books.

SEC. 26. When the Selectmen of a town represent to the Supervisor that a school in such town is not properly taught or governed, or when the Prudential Committee of a school district or any three voters resident therein, make such representation concerning the school of his district, the Supervisor shall forthwith visit and examine such school, make such further investigation as he deems necessary, and take such action as the case may require.

SEC. 27. The Supervisor of Schools shall learn if the requirements of the law are complied with by school district officers, and shall, as occasion may require, confer with and advise any officer of a district concerning his official duties, or any matter affecting the interests of the district or its school.

SEC. 28. When a matter arises in connection with the public schools concerning which a teacher or any officer of a school district de-