

ment of such penalty shall be no bar to further proceedings in case of further neglect.

145. (1.) Where any child required by this Act to attend a public school has been enrolled in the register of a public school, and does not attend as provided in subsection *one* of section one hundred and *forty-one*, the parent of such child shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings and not less than two shillings for every such week in which such child failed to attend school as required by this Act.

Penalty on parents for irregular attendance of children.
1901, No. 54, sec. 7

(2.) Where any child required by this Act to attend a public school has been enrolled in the register of a half-time school, and does not attend as provided in subsection *two* of section one hundred and *forty-one*, the parent of such child shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings and not less than two shillings for every such occasion which such child is proved to have failed to attend school as required by this Act :

Provided that proceedings under this section for the recovery of any penalty incurred by reason of insufficient attendance during any part of any month shall not be instituted except during that or the two months next following.

146. All proceedings under this Act may be had and taken in the manner prescribed by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882"; but any case may, with the consent of the parent, be heard with closed doors, and the Magistrate or Justices may, at their discretion, attend at any public school for the purpose of taking evidence, and in such case may dispense with the attendance at the Court of the parents or the child in respect of whom the proceedings are taken.

Proceedings for penalties.
Ibid, sec. 8

147. It shall be lawful for Education Boards to appoint Truant Officers; and any Truant Officer, or the Secretary of an Education Board, or any member of a School Committee or the Secretary of a School Committee, may lay informations, make complaints, conduct prosecutions, and take all other proceedings under this Act.

Truant Officers.
Ibid, sec. 9

148. A certificate under the hand of a Secretary of an Education Board, showing that the person named therein is a Truant Officer, shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment of such Truant Officer; and, similarly, a certificate under the hand of the Chairman of a School Committee shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment of the Secretary of the School Committee, or of the election of a member of the same; and in any proceedings under this Act the election or appointment of the person acting as Chairman of the School Committee, or as Secretary of the Education Board, or the signature to any such certificate, shall not be inquired into or disputed.

Evidence of appointment of officers and others.
Ibid, sec. 10

149. On the hearing of any information or complaint under this Act, the onus shall be on the parent or guardian of such child of showing that the child has attended or is attending a public school in accordance with the requirements of this Act, or that such child is exempt from such attendance hereunder.

Onus of proof on parents.
Ibid, sec. 11

150. All penalties recovered under section one hundred and *forty-four* or one hundred and *forty-five* hereof shall be paid by the Clerk of the Court to the School Committee or the Education Board at whose instance such penalty is recovered, and shall thereupon

Penalties to be paid into School or Board Fund.
Ibid, sec. 12