Counties—County Commissioners—Schools—School Districts.

Chapter 34, of the Laws of 1923, requires that the County Commissioners furnish to the school districts the necessary books and blanks required to carry into effect the said chapter, and the cost thereof must be borne by the county.

Miss May Trumper, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena, Montana.

My dear Miss Trumper:

You have submitted to me the question of who shall bear the expense of the necessary books and blanks for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Laws of 1923, providing for the keeping of books in school districts of the third class, and for their examination by the County Auditor, and in those counties where that office does not exist, by the County Treasurer.

Section 4 of said chapter is as follows:

"The County Commissioners of each county shall furnish to each school district all the necessary books and blanks for carrying out the provisions of this Act."

It is, therefore, my opinion that this section requires the County Commissioners to furnish to the school districts the necessary books and blanks required to carry into effect the said chapter, and that the cost thereof must be borne by the county.

Very truly yours,

WELLINGTON D. RANKIN, Attorney General.