156.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF ARCHBOLD, FULTON COUNTY, \$5,000, TO PURCHASE LAND FOR WELL AND PUMP SITE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WATERWORKS PLANT.

Columbus, Ohio, March 17, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

157.

SCHOOLS—ADJOINING SCHOOL DISTRICTS UNITING UNDER SECTION 7669 G. C.—CANNOT LEVY TAXES UNDER SECTION 7630-1 G. C. AND USE PROCEEDS.

SYLLABUS:

Adjoining village school districts uniting under section 7669 G. C. for union high school purposes, cannot levy taxes and issue bonds under section 7630-1 G. C. and use the proceeds thereof for the erection of a union high school.

Columbus, Ohio, March 19, 1923.

HON. ARTHUR W. DOYLE, Prosecuting Attorney, Akron, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of a communication from Hon. W. A. Spencer, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, in which the following statement and question are submitted:

"The board of education of Northfield and Macedonia school districts, which are adjoining village school districts, have by virtue of section 7669 General Code, adopted a resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each board to unite said school districts for high school purposes. Both of the said school districts have a high school building, the use of which has been prohibited by an order of the Industrial Commission of Ohio. Both districts are without sufficient funds with which to rebuild, repair, or construct a new building or a union high school.

"Question: Have these two school districts the authority, under section 7630-1, to levy taxes and issue bonds and use the proceeds thereof for the erection of a union high school in one of the now existing districts?"

Section 7669 G. C. reads as follows:

"The board of education of two or more adjoining school districts, by a majority vote of the full membership of each board, may unite such districts for high school purposes. Each school also may submit the question of levying a tax on the property in their respective districts for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting a building, and issue bonds, as is provided by law in case of erecting or repairing school houses; but such question of tax levy must carry in each district before it shall become operative in either. If such boards have sufficient money in the treasury to