

Local Special Purpose Bodies in Ontario

Explaining Two Centuries of Institutional Change in Education, Public Health, and Hydro



Explaining Institutional Change: Local Special Purpose Bodies in Ontario, 1810-2010

Local
Special
Purpose
Bodies

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How do Institutions Change?

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My
Dissertation
Proposal!

- 1. A Taxonomy of Local Structural Change
- 2. Local Boards of Health and the "Fields and Streams Approach"
- 3. Hydro Commissions and School Boards
- 4. Comparisons and Conclusions
- 5. Questions and Comments

Taxonomy

- 1. Creation
- 2. Elimination
- 3. Consolidation
- 4. Partition

- 5. Specialization
- 6. Generalization
- 7. Provincialization

Creation vs. Specialization

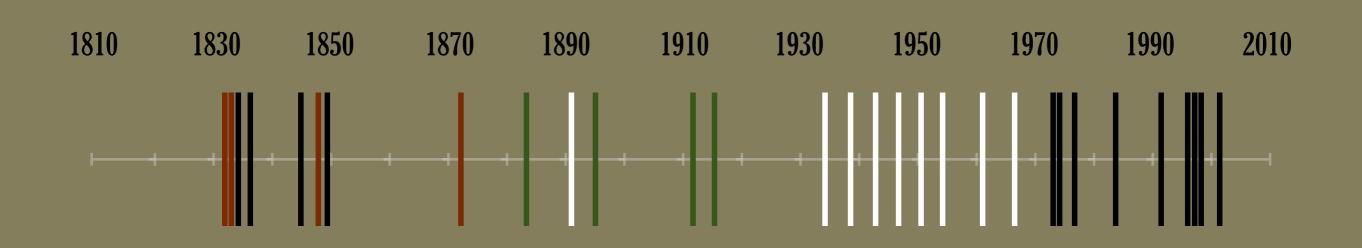
1. A municipality purchases a waterworks system and entrusts its operation to a waterworks commission?

Creation!

2. A municipal committee is managing the waterworks system, and then transfers control of the system to a commission?

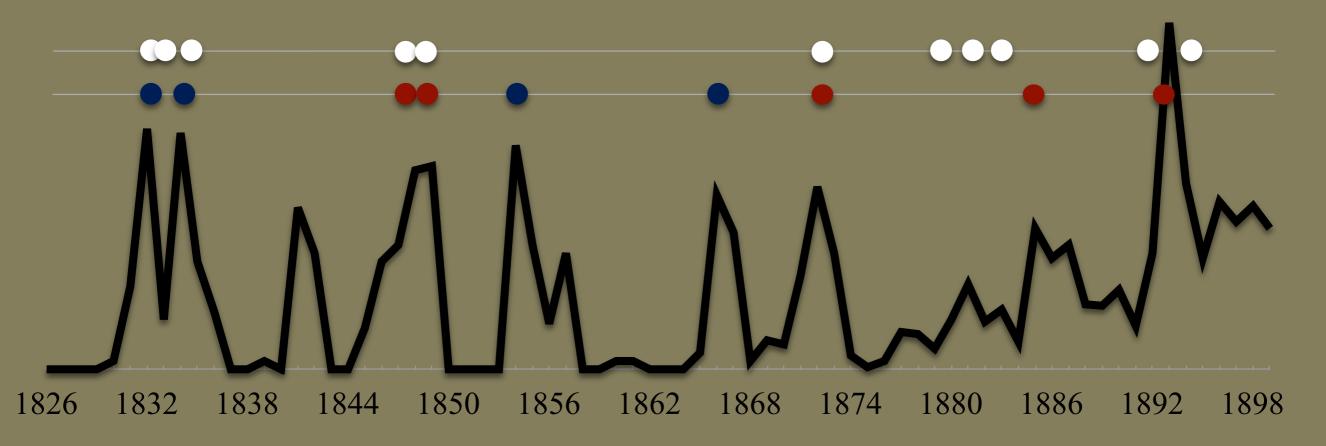
Specialization!

Public Health Change Events 1830-2010





Public Health Salience & Outbreaks



- Disease Outbreak
- Disease Scare

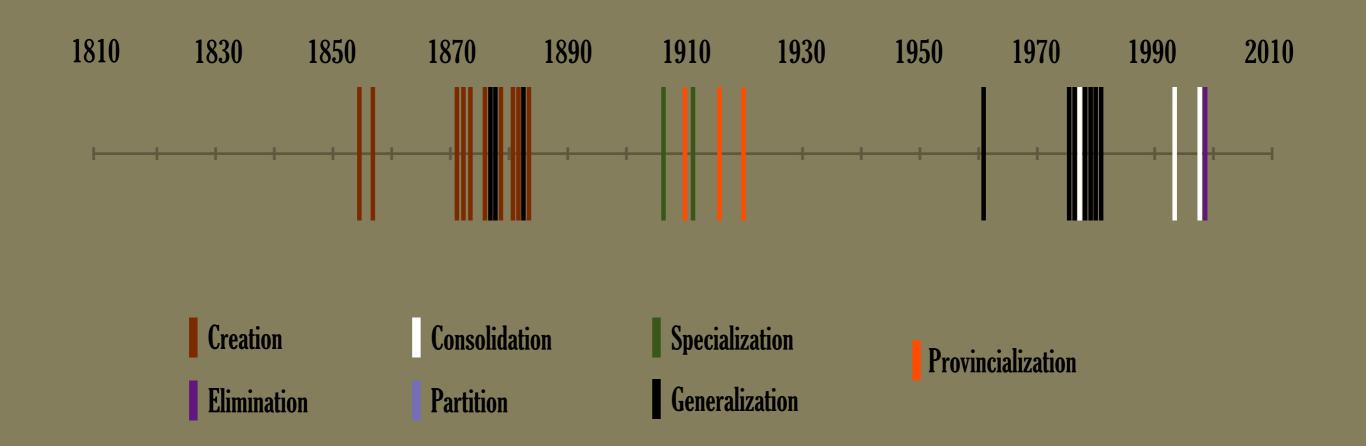
- Contagious Disease in Ontario Newspapers
- Public Health Structure Change

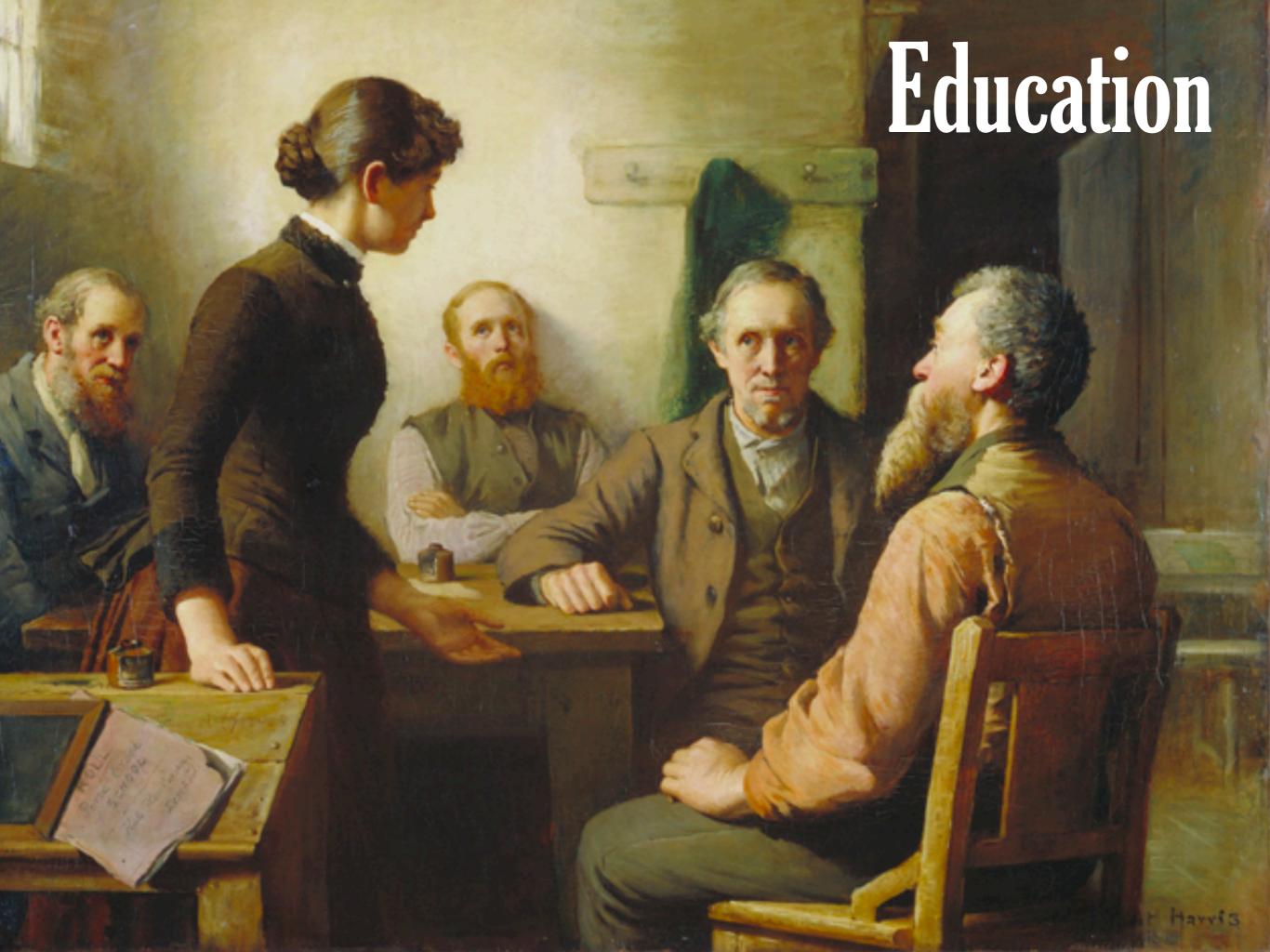
"Fields and Streams"

- 1. Streams: Problems & Policies & Politics
- 2. Fields: Policy Resources & Policy Images

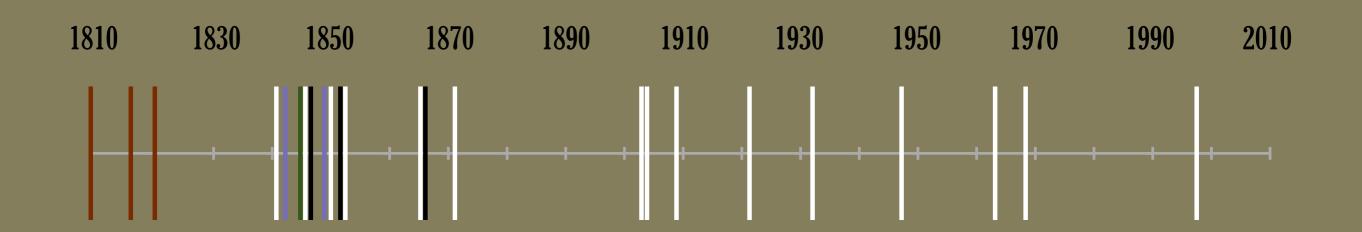


Hydro Overview





Education Change Events 1806-2010



Creation Consolidation Specialization Provincialization
Elimination Partition Generalization

Comparison & Conclusion

- 1. The importance of "Landscape"
- 2. The importance of Fields
- 3. The importance of Political Risk

Thanks!