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"The Secondary Schools Act, 1903": Regulations.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of December, 1903.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903," His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, doth hereby make the regulations hereto annexed regarding scholarships and free places in secondary schools, and grants payable therefor, under "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903"; and with the like advice and consent doth declare that this Order shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and four.

REGULATIONS.

1. "Act" means "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903."
2. A secondary school shall be held to provide free places within the meaning of the Act if it admits to such free places all qualified pupils of good character who wish to attend the secondary school, and if it conforms to the requirements of the Act and of these regulations:
Provided that, if any pupil be resident outside the education district in which the secondary school is situated, it shall be at the option of the governing body of such secondary school to admit or to refuse to admit such pupil to a free place: Provided further that the governing body shall have the same option in respect of any pupil who could reasonably be expected to attend as a day pupil at a district high school or at a secondary school in a town or place other than that in which the first-named secondary school is situated.

3. A pupil shall be qualified to be the holder of a free place if—

- (a.) He is the holder of an Education Board scholarship, a National Scholarship, a Queen's Scholarship, or any other scholarship that the Minister shall approve for this purpose; provided that the value of any such scholarship is not greater than £40 in the case of any pupil who is obliged to live away from home in order to attend the secondary school, or than £10 in any other case; or if
 - (b.) Being not over fourteen years of age on the 31st of December preceding the date of his admission to a secondary school, he has, before entering the secondary school, obtained a certificate of proficiency as defined by regulations under "The Education Act, 1877," or has qualified for a free place in the examination for Junior National Scholarships or in any special examination for free places held by the Education Department or by an Education Board and approved by the Minister; or if
 - (c.) Having been a holder for not less than two years of any of the scholarships named in subclause (a) hereof, or of a free place under the Act, or under regulations heretofore in force, he has satisfied the requirements named in clause 7 hereof; or
 - (d.) Has satisfied conditions laid down by the governing body of the secondary school and approved by the Minister of Education; provided that the number of free places under this subclause shall not exceed one for every £50 of the school's net income from endowments.
4. Every candidate for admission to a free place may be required to furnish to the governing body of the secondary school reasonable evidence that he is of good character.
 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, no secondary school shall be required to admit pupils to free places at any

other time than the beginning of the school year, unless it shall seem expedient to the governing body of the secondary school to admit such pupils at any other time; nor shall the secondary school be required to admit to a free place any one who was on the books of the secondary school prior to the date hereof.

6. In case there shall not be sufficient accommodation for all pupils seeking for admission to any secondary school, those qualified under subclause (a) of section 3 hereof shall first be admitted, and then the rest, whether holders of free places or otherwise, in the order in which their applications for admission to the school, made within the preceding twelve months, were received by the governing body of the secondary school.

7. (a.) If on a report from the governing body of the secondary school or from the Inspector-General of Schools it shall appear to the Minister that the attendance, conduct, diligence, or progress of any pupil is not satisfactory, the payment on account of such pupil shall cease at the end of the quarter in which such report is received.

(b.) No attendance shall be counted satisfactory in the case of any holder of a free place if he is absent (except on account of illness) more than 20 per cent. of the number of times that the school is open, or more than 30 per cent. of such number of times if the total distance that he would be required to walk from his place of residence to the school, or from his place of residence to the railway or other public conveyance and from the railway or other public conveyance to the school, is more than three miles, the distance being estimated by the nearest road.

8. These free places are open to boys and girls alike.

9. Any holder of a free place whose parents, after his admission to the secondary school, shall remove more than five miles from the secondary school at which his free place is held may continue to hold his free place at any other secondary school at which such free places are tenable.

10. The secondary school shall give to each holder of a free place granted under these regulations instruction in Arithmetic and English of a standard higher than that required for Standard VI. of the public school syllabus (the English to include English composition, and a study of one or more of the works of some standard author or authors—not less than 800 lines of poetry or 200 pages of prose in a year, or an equivalent in poetry and prose); also regular instruction in one of the subjects prescribed in clauses 24, 25, 26, and 27 of the regulations under "The Manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900"; and, further, in three or more of the following subjects: French, German, Latin,

Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, Elementary Mechanics, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Physiology, Geography, History, or other subject approved by the Minister (Geography and History must be beyond what is prescribed for Standard VI.).

N.B.—Grants for subjects taught in accordance with the regulations for "School classes" under "The Manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900," will be payable in addition to the grants under these regulations.

11. The programme of each pupil admitted to a free place under these regulations shall be determined by the Principal of the secondary school after consultation with the parent or guardian of the pupil: Provided that no such pupil shall be compelled to take Latin or to take more than one language besides English.

12. A free place under these regulations shall cease and determine if the holder thereof fails to pass at the end of the second year of his tenure the Civil Service Junior Examination, or such other examination as the Minister may prescribe, unless such failure was caused by illness or other sufficient cause.

13. These free places are not tenable with any other scholarships or free places except as provided in clause 3, (a), hereof.

14. Nothing in these regulations shall affect the rights of any holders of scholarships or free places prior to the date hereof.

15. Payments of the grants under section 5 of the Act shall be made at the end of each term or quarter of the secondary school, claims being made on forms supplied by the Education Department.

16. Every secondary school shall send to the Minister of Education, in the month of January or February in each year, on forms supplied by the Education Department, a return of its net endowment as defined by the Act.

17. Every endowed secondary school that does not provide free places in accordance with section 5 of the Act shall in the scholarships offered under section 4 thereof make provision—firstly, for free places for such pupils as are qualified for free places under section 3, (a), hereof; and, secondly, in regard to other scholarships, shall, in January or February, 1904, and from time to time thereafter, state for the Minister's approval the conditions under which it proposes to grant such scholarships.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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