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Regulations under "The Education Act, 1904."—Secondary Schools.

PLUNKET, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this thirtieth day of October, 1905.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Education Act, 1904," the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, doth hereby revoke all regulations heretofore made under the authority of the said Act regarding scholarships and free places in secondary schools and grants payable therefor, and in lieu thereof doth make the regulations hereto annexed; and, with the like advice and consent, doth prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

Provisions for Free Places.

1. A secondary school shall be held to provide free places within the meaning of section 87 of the Act if, in accordance with the Act and these regulations, it admits to such free places all qualified pupils who wish to

attend such secondary school, called in clauses 2 to 20 hereunder "the secondary school"; 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.

Junior Free Places in Secondary Schools and District High Schools.

2. Subject to these regulations a pupil shall be qualified to be a junior free pupil or the holder of a junior free place under the Act, 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 per annum in the case of any pupil who is obliged to live away from home in order to attend the secondary school, or than £10 per annum in any other case; or if

(b.) Being not over fourteen years of age on the 1st December preceding the date of his admission to the secondary school, he has qualified for an Education Board Scholarship, or he has qualified for a free place in the examination for Junior National Scholarships or in the special examination for junior free places held by the Education Department; or if

(c.) Being over fourteen years of age, he has qualified for a free place in such special examination; or if

(d.) Being not over fourteen years of age on the 1st December preceding the date of his admission to the secondary school, he has obtained a certificate of proficiency as defined by regulations under "The Education Act, 1904"; or if

(e.) Being over fourteen years of age, he has obtained such a certificate of proficiency.

3. (i.) With regard to those qualified under clause 2 hereof—The secondary school shall admit any free pupil qualified under (a) or (b) unless such pupil can attend as a junior free pupil a secondary school nearer his home.

(ii.) The secondary school shall also admit any pupil qualified under (c) or (d) unless such pupil can attend a district high school or unless he can attend a secondary school nearer his home.

(iii.) But the secondary school may admit all free pupils qualified under (c) and (d).

(iv.) Further, the secondary school may admit, subject to such other conditions as the governing body thereof shall see fit, any free pupil qualified under (e); provided that the total number of pupils so admitted shall not exceed 10 per cent. of all the free pupils admitted under the Act.

4. A junior free place at a secondary school is tenable for two years from the 1st January preceding the actual date of admission as a free pupil, but in no case after the holder has passed his seventeenth birthday.

5. The secondary school shall give to each holder of a junior 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 600 lines of poetry and 100 pages of prose in a year; also regular instruction in one of the subjects prescribed in clauses 23 (a) (1), 24, 25, 26, and 27 of the Regulations for Manual and Technical Instruction under "The Education Act, 1904"; and, further, in two or more of the following subjects: French, German, Latin, elementary mathematics, elementary mechanics, book-keeping, shorthand, physiography, geography, history, any subject prescribed in clause 21 of the Regulations for Manual and Technical Instruction, or any other subject approved by the Minister.

6. (i.) Every district high school shall admit as a junior free pupil any pupil qualified under paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of clause 2 hereof.

(ii.) A junior free place at a district high school is tenable until the holder has reached his seventeenth birthday, but no longer.

Senior Free Places.

7. Subject to these regulations a senior free place is tenable by any pupil,—

(a.) Who 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 per annum in the

case of any pupil who is obliged to live away from home in order to attend the secondary school, or than £10 per annum in any other case ;
or

(b.) Who, being not over sixteen years of age on the 1st December preceding, has passed the Civil Service Junior Examination or the special examination for senior free places, or has qualified for an Education Board Senior Scholarship ; or

(c.) Who, whether under sixteen or not, has passed the Civil Service Junior Examination with credit, or has passed the Matriculation Examination.

8. The secondary school shall admit any free pupil qualified under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of clause 7 hereof, unless such pupil can attend a secondary school nearer his home.

9. Every district high school shall admit as a senior free pupil any pupil qualified under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of clause 7 hereof.

10. A senior free place at a secondary school or district high school is tenable until the holder has reached his nineteenth birthday, but no longer.

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11. 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.

12. Notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, the secondary school shall not 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 free places, except under paragraph (a) of clause 2, or under paragraph (a) of clause 7, any one who was on the books of the secondary school prior to the date hereof.

13. In case there shall not be sufficient accommodation at the secondary school for all pupils seeking admission, those qualified under paragraph (a) of section 2, and under paragraph (a) of section 7 hereof shall first be admitted, then those qualified under paragraph (b) of clause 2 and paragraph (b) of clause 7 in order of merit, and then the remaining applicants, whether free pupils or otherwise, in the order in which their applications for admission, made within the preceding twelve months, were received by the governing body of the secondary school.

14. 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 free pupil is not satisfactory, the Minister may determine that the free place held by such pupil shall cease at the end of the quarter in which such report is received.

15. Any free pupil whose parents, after his admission to the secondary school or district high school, shall remove more than five miles from the school at which his free place is held may continue to hold his free place at any secondary school nearer his home, or at any district high school, and such secondary school or district high school shall admit him accordingly on the same terms as if he had remained at the first-named school.

16. For the purpose of these regulations a qualified pupil under the regulations for district high schools who has been in attendance at a district high school that has been disestablished with a view to the establishment of a high school under section 88 of the Act shall be held to have been the holder of a free place at such high school.

17. The programme of each free pupil under these regulations shall be determined by the principal of the 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.

18. Free places under these regulations are not tenable with any other scholarships or free places, except as provided in clause 2, (a), hereof.

19. Nothing in these regulations shall affect the rights of any holders of scholarships or free places prior to the 31st December, 1905.

20. Payments of the grant under section 87 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.

Return of Net Annual Income derived from Endowments.

21. 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 annual income derived from endowments as defined by the Act.

Other Secondary Schools—Scholarships under Section 86 of the Act.

22. Every endowed secondary school that does not provide free places in accordance with section 87 of the Act shall, in the scholarships offered under section 86 thereof, make provision—firstly, for free places for such pupils as are qualified for free places under paragraph (a) of clause 2 hereof, and under paragraph (a) of clause 7 hereof; and, secondly, in regard to other scholarships, shall, in January or February, 1906, 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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