

REGULATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

I. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 20th July, 1880.[Vide *New Zealand Gazette* No. 72, 22nd July, 1880.]

THE book entitled "English History for Schools," by John Curnow (George Philip and Son, London), and the several parts of the book entitled "Elementary Linear Drawing," by David C. Hutton (issued by the Education Department), may be used in any public school as if they had been described and included in the list of works set forth in the Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

II. *Fees for Higher Education, Invercargill.*—Dated 24th August, 1880.[Vide *New Zealand Gazette* No. 82, 26th August, 1880.]

In the District High School at Invercargill the fees for higher education within the meaning of section 56 of "The Education Act, 1877," shall be ten shillings a quarter for not more than one subject, and five shillings a quarter for each subject in excess of one.

III. *District Licenses to Teach.*—Dated 21st December, 1880.[Vide *New Zealand Gazette* No. 118, 23rd December, 1880.]

The Minister of Education may, on application being made to him by any Education Board, grant to any person who shall have served as pupil-teacher under such Board for a term of three years or more, and who shall have passed the final examination of the pupil-teachers' course as prescribed by such Board, a district license tenable for two years from the date at which the aforesaid final examination was passed, and during such two years such district license shall, within the education district of the Board by which such application shall have been made, have the force of a certificate granted under "The Education Act, 1877."

IV. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 1st March, 1881.[Vide *New Zealand Gazette* No. 16, 3rd March, 1881.]

The books entitled "A Class-book and Method for teaching Geography and History to the Second and Third Standards" (Robertson, Melbourne); "Geography of New Zealand and Oceania," by Rev. Peter Mason, B.A. (Upton and Co., Auckland); and "A First Geography for the Schools of New Zealand and the Australian Colonies," by D. Petrie, M.A. (Henry Wise and Co., Dunedin), may be used in any public school as if they had been described and included in the list of works set forth in the Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

V. *Examination of Pupil-teachers in Drawing.*—Dated 29th March, 1881.[Vide *New Zealand Gazette* No. 22, 4th April, 1881.]

At any examination of candidates for teachers' certificates, pupil-teachers in the service of any Education Board may present themselves for examination in drawing. Of four divisions of the subject, viz., (1) freehand, (2) geometrical, (3) perspective, and (4) model drawing, they may take up any one or more at one examination, or at successive examinations, and in any order; and their success in one or more of the four divisions will render them so far exempt from examination in drawing when they become candidates for certificates.

CIRCULARS.

(Circular No. 56.)

The SECRETARY to the Education Board, —

Education Department, Wellington,
20th July, 1880.

I am directed to inform you that the Commissioner of Government Life Insurance has represented the desirability of extending to teachers and other officers employed by Education Boards the system adopted in the case of officers paid directly by the Government, under which they are enabled to pay premiums on insurances effected in the Government Office by means of deductions from their monthly salaries.

Mr. Rolleston is of opinion that it is advisable to encourage teachers to take advantage of the Life Insurance scheme; and the system in question is obviously of much practical importance. It has already been adopted by one Board, and I am to recommend it to the favourable consideration of your Board.

JOHN HISLOP.

(Circular Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 28th July, 1880.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has reduced total Education Vote by thirty-two thousand pounds (£32,000) a year, equal to deduction from former total capitation grant of ten shillings (10s.) per average attendance, with the view that same principles of economy should apply to education as to other branches of public service. Parliament has determined that 10 per cent. reduction be made on salary, pay, and wages throughout every branch of public service. Government assume you and your Board will readily co-operate with them in giving full effect to the decision of Parliament in this matter, and so readjust and reduce the expenditure of moneys entrusted to Board as to meet the necessities of the case by making the reductions apply proportionally and fairly to every part of the Board's service. Sections 8 and 43 of the Act indicate the several purposes to which the statutory grant is applicable. I give you early intimation, as no doubt your Board will consider it advisable to