

REGULATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

I. *Audit of School Committees' Accounts.*—Dated 18th September, 1883.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 96, 20th September, 1883.]

1. THE Order in Council made on the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and prescribing regulations for the auditing of the accounts of School Committees, is hereby repealed.

2. Every School Committee shall, not later than the fifteenth day of January in every year, make up its accounts for the year ending the thirty-first day of December previous, and shall immediately thereafter submit the same to an auditor appointed by the Board of the education district within which the school or schools under the jurisdiction of the Committee are situated.

3. The Board of each education district shall, in the month of December in every year, appoint an auditor or auditors to audit the accounts of the School Committees within the district in or for which such Board is constituted, and shall in the same month notify to each School Committee the name of the auditor who is appointed to audit the accounts of such Committee for the year in which such appointment is made.

4. The auditor appointed to audit the accounts of any School Committee shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Committee and any of its officers, and shall examine the general statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Committee, and verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either certify under his hand the same as found by him to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or specially report to the Education Board of the district in what respects he finds it incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

II. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 18th September, 1883.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 96, 20th September, 1883.]

The book entitled "History for Standard III.," by D. Petrie, M.A. (Wise, Caffin, and Co., Dunedin) may be used in any public school as if it 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.

III. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 20th November, 1883.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 122, 22nd November, 1883.]

The books entitled "Outlines of English History" by S. R. Gardiner (Longmans, Green, and Co., London), "New Zealand Standard Class-book of Arithmetic," First Standard, by R. Lee, Inspector of Schools (J. Hughes, Wellington), 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.

IV. *District High School Fees.*—Dated 13th May, 1884.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 67 5th June, 1884.]

In the District High School at Masterton the fees for higher education within the meaning of section 56 of "The Education Act, 1877," shall be—For one subject, twenty shillings a quarter and for each additional subject, ten shillings a quarter.

CIRCULARS.

(Circular No. 83/6.)

Education Department, Wellington,
22nd September, 1883.

The Secretary Education Board, —. I AM directed by the Minister of Education to request the attention of your Board to the Order in Council on page 1325 of this week's *Gazette*, amending the regulations for auditing the accounts of School Committees, and to ask that the Board may make all necessary provision for the appointment of auditors, and for the notification thereof to the several School Committees, within the month of December.

You will notice that about two weeks in January are given to School Committees in which to make up their accounts and prepare the annual abstract of the School Fund and that about an equal period is allowed to auditors to examine the accounts prior to the date of the annual meeting of householders. In order that the longest possible time may be allowed to the auditors to examine the accounts, it would be well for School Committees to have the annual abstract ready very early in January. The Board will, no doubt, call the attention of School Committees to this matter.

You will receive in a few days a supply of the forms for abstract of School Fund accounts for the current year, with the Order in Council printed thereon. These you will be good enough to distribute among the School Committees as soon as possible, along with such directions as the Board may deem it advisable to give.

As it is the duty of the Education Boards, as well as of the department, to see that the public moneys intrusted to School Committees are properly applied, I am to express the hope that the amended regulations will enable Boards to procure from School Committees more complete and satisfactory abstracts of the School Fund accounts than have hitherto been obtained in some of the education districts, and that Boards will press upon School Committees their duty in regard to this matter.