

APPENDIX F.

SIR,— Education Board, District of South Canterbury, Timaru, 11th March, 1888.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board of Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date as per margin, and in reply to state, with reference to this office letter dated the 7th December, 1887, and more than three months having elapsed since that date, I have the honour, by direction of the South Canterbury Board of Education, to give you now three months' notice of the termination of your engagement with the Board as headmaster of the Waimate District High School, and due notice is hereby accordingly given. Your period of service under this Board will consequently expire on or about the 11th day of June next ensuing.

I have, &c.,

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary.

A. Grant, Esq., M.A., Headmaster, District High School, Waimate.

APPENDIX G. (Read at Board 5th April, 1888.)

SIR,— Waimate, 6th February, 1888.

I have the honour to inform you I yesterday made my protest against any notice of dismissal or of removal being served on me, in the meantime stating one reason why I consider doing so would be illegal. I further state that I have reason to know and believe that one of those who have acted as members of School Committee, and are now so acting, had no *bonâ fide* qualification as a householder at the time of his so-called election; also, the grounds alleged by the Board as cause for my removal are insufficient and, in some important respects, false. Having made this my protest against any notice of dismissal or removal being served upon me by the Board of Education of South Canterbury meanwhile, I consider the Board itself, at a legally-called meeting, must judge as to validity of said protest.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. GRANT,

Head Teacher, Public School.

The Secretary, South Canterbury Board of Education.

APPENDIX H. (Read at Board 5th April, 1888.)

SIR,— Waimate, 5th March, 1888.

Intimation to the Board of Education that a Committee had been elected last April was legally a fraud. For that and other reasons to be given in it is illegal for the Board to comply with or fulfil their threat contained in letter of 7th December, that they would be compelled to give me three months' notice to resign.

I have, &c.,

A. GRANT,

Head Teacher, Public School.

The Chairman, Board of Education.

APPENDIX H2. (Read at Board 5th April, 1888.)

SIR,— Waimate, 5th March, 1888.

I beg respectfully to state that I was present at the meeting of householders in Waimate called for the election of a School Committee under the Education Act in April of last year, and held in the schoolhouse at Waimate. At the said meeting the ballot was never used, nor was there any attempt at using it in the election of members for a School Committee; therefore the election, so-called, was null and void, for "The Education Act, 1877," provides for the election of members of a School Committee only by ballot and by no other means whatsoever. And I make my protest accordingly that the gentlemen whose names have been given as members of the Waimate School Committee never were elected according to the requirements of the law.

I have, &c.,

JOHN NEILSON,

Householder, Waimate.

The Chairman, Education Board, South Canterbury.

Signed in the presence of me at Waimate, this 5th February (*sic*), 1888.—ALEX. GRANT.

APPENDIX I. (Read at Board 3rd May, 1888.)

(Memorandum.)

Waimate, 1st May, 1888.

Copy of resolution of Waimate School Committee passed at Committee meeting, 30th April, 1888: "That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is desirable that a change in the headmastership of the school should be made, and would respectfully urge the Board to take the necessary steps to give effect to this resolution."

The Secretary, Education Office, Timaru.

G. H. GRAHAM, Secretary.

APPENDIX J. (Read at Board 3rd May, 1888.)

SIR,— Waimate.

We, the undersigned three members of the Waimate School Committee, protest against the resolution passed on the evening of Monday last *re* change of headmaster, because any business conducted at that statutory meeting except the business for which it was called was illegal. We also base our protest on the grounds of equity. In the course of twenty-four hours we have received the signatures in favour of Mr. Grant being retained from the parents of 216 children now attending school; while only five parents who were asked to sign the memorial refused. The average attendance for last week of over 440 scholars also shows unmistakably the wishes of parents in the district.

W. H. GALL. SAMUEL COLLETT.

The Chairman, Board of Education.

WM. BLACK.