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Education Office, Dunedin, 17th May, 1888.

In response to the request contained in yours of the 17th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith information with respect to the recent alterations and reductions in salaries and allowances in this district: 1. Teachers' salaries—(a) Reduction by graduated percentage on salaries over £200 as follows, £800—1 per cent. on salaries between £200 and £210, 2 per cent. on salaries between £210 and £220, 5 per cent. on salaries between £220 and £240, 7½ per cent. on salaries over £240; (b) reduction in classification bonus of £10 per rank, £2,800. 2. Training College—(a) Abolishment of Model School, reductions in salaries of teachers, and alterations in staff of College and School of Art, £580; (b) lowering bursaries to £35 for males and £20 for females, £244. 3. Office salaries—Reductions in salaries, and rearrangement of staff, £265. 4. Committee grants—Reduction of grants by one-third, £2,000. Total approximated saving, £6,689. I think the foregoing will furnish you with all the particulars you require. If anything further is found necessary I shall be glad to supply it.

The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington. P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

SOUTHLAND.

SIR,— Invercargill, 23rd May, 1888.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your circular of date the 17th instant. asking for detailed information relative to the recent alterations of salaries and allowances payable to teachers and School Committees in this education district in consequence of retrenchments made in the education vote during last session of Parliament, and, in reply, have the honour to enclose a schedule of reductions resolved on by this Board, and brought into operation on the 1st day of March last.

The only information other than that contained in the schedule that I think may be of service to you is as follows:—

Clause of Schedule.	Estimated Amount operated on.	Estimated Saving effected.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Teachers' salaries	7,852 13 0	394 6 10
2. Bonuses	408 3 2	408 3 2
3. Rent-allowances	340 0 0	105 0 0
4. Uncertificated teachers	43 teachers	300 0 0
5. Female head teachers	1,591 9 2	159 2 11
6. Pupil-teachers	35 pupil-teachers	105 0 0
7. School Committees' allowances	1,373 13 10	137 7 4
Total estimated saving effected	...	£1,609 0 3

In addition to the foregoing I shall be most happy to supply any other information you may desire, if in my power to do so. I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington. JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

Education Office, Invercargill, 4th February, 1888.

SCHOOL Committees and teachers in the service of the Board are hereby informed that the following schedule of reductions, to meet the reduced income of the Board, was resolved on at a meeting of the Board held on the 3rd instant. It was further resolved that the reductions take effect on and after the 1st day of March next.

By order of the Board, JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

SCHEDULE OF REDUCTIONS.

- 1. TEACHERS' SALARIES.—(a.) Salaries between £150 and £174 (inclusive) to be reduced £3 per cent. (b.) Salaries between £175 and £199 (inclusive) to be reduced £5 per cent. (c.) Salaries between £200 and £249 (inclusive) to be reduced £6 per cent. (d.) Salaries between £250 and £299 (inclusive) to be reduced £8 per cent. (e.) Salaries amounting to £300 and upwards to be reduced £10 per cent.
- 2. BONUSES.—All bonuses on teachers' classification to be abolished.
- 3. RENT-ALLOWANCES.—(a.) Allowances of £20 per annum to be reduced £25 per cent. (b.) Allowances of £25 per annum to be reduced £40 per cent. (c.) Allowances of £50 per annum to be reduced £50 per cent.
- 4. UNCERTIFICATED TEACHERS.—(a.) When salary is below £100, the salary payable to each such teacher to be reduced £5 per annum. (b.) When salary is between £100 and £149 (inclusive) the salary payable to each such teacher to be reduced £7 10s. per annum. (c.) When salary is £150 and upwards, the salary payable to each such teacher to be reduced £10 per annum.
- 5. FEMALE HEAD TEACHERS.—Female head teachers in charge of schools to be paid £10 per cent. less than males occupying the same position.
- 6. PUPIL-TEACHERS.—The salaries of pupil-teachers to be reduced £5 per annum in the case of males, and £2 10s. per annum in the case of females.
- 7. SCHOOL COMMITTEES' ALLOWANCES.—Allowances paid to School Committees to be reduced by £10 per cent.

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