

WELLINGTON.

This Board considers the whole of the applications, and selects one of the applicants for the appointment. The whole of the applications are then sent to the School Committee, with a notification that the Board has selected ——— for the position, and consults the Committee in terms of the Education Act.

Should the Committee concur, the appointment is then made. Should the Committee not concur, the matter is further considered, and, where possible, a conference is held. If good reason is shown for not appointing the person selected, another selection is made.

Wellington, 31st August, 1898.

A. DORSET, Secretary.

HAWKE'S BAY.

When a vacancy takes place in any school by resignation or otherwise, applications are invited by advertisement for the same. On the date appointed all the applications are carefully examined by a committee of the Board, and inquiries as to character, &c., are made in connection with applicants unknown to members of the Board.

These are again considered, and the names of the eligible candidates are forwarded to the School Committee, who have the choice of teachers from this list left to themselves. The Committee reports the person preferred, and the appointment is made. If the Board has a sufficient number of applicants from the staff employed in its own schools, the Selection Committee sends on these names only.

Napier, 18th August, 1898.

A. H. FERGUSON, *pro* Secretary.

MARLBOROUGH.

When a vacancy occurs the Board calls for applications for the appointment. All applications received from certificated teachers are forwarded to the Committee, together with all the testimonials and certificates accompanying the same. The following letter is sent to the Committee with these applications:—

To the Chairman, School Committee.
The Education Board being about to appoint a head- [or assistant-] teacher to the School, desires, before doing so, to consult your Committee, in accordance with the last clause of the 45th section of "The Education Act, 1877."

For this purpose I am directed to forward all the applications received from certificated teachers, together with all the testimonials, certificates, &c., accompanying the same, for your consideration.

I am also to request you to express your Committee's opinion as to the most eligible candidates, and to forward the same before

The recommendation of the Committee is received at this office a few days before the meeting of the Board; and, in the meantime, if the person recommended is, or has been recently, serving in some other education district, a confidential opinion as to the fitness of such person is obtained from the Board of that district. If this opinion is satisfactory, the Board appoints the person so recommended; if not, the Committee is requested to make another selection.

To save time, when the applicants are numerous, the Committee is sometimes recommended to select two or three and place them in the order of their preference.

Blenheim, 15th August, 1898.

JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

NELSON.

The practice of this Board in the matter of consulting School Committees before appointing teachers is as follows: The Board selects from among the applicants for an appointment all those whom it considers suitable for the position, and forwards all their applications and testimonials to the School Committee with a request that they will recommend one of the teachers for appointment.

On the receipt of the Committee's recommendation, the person selected by them is formally appointed by the Board.

Nelson, 15th August, 1898.

STEAD ELLIS, Secretary.

GREY.

As regards this district, all applications from duly qualified teachers are forwarded to the Committee with a request that the Committee recommend to the Board one of the applicants for appointment.

Greymouth, 16th August, 1898.

F. W. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Secretary.

WESTLAND.

The following is the Board's rule: "In the appointment of teachers all applications shall be first considered by the Board, which shall select therefrom the names of three or more applicants best qualified in its judgment for the vacant positions; these names the Board shall then submit to the School Committee, which shall make its recommendation of a teacher therefrom. In all cases where not more than four candidates apply the Board may submit only one name to the Committee."

Unless information detrimental to an applicant is received subsequent to the forwarding of names to the Committee, the Board confirms the appointment of a teacher selected by the former. There is an absence of complaints, and therefore it may be assumed that the Committees of this district are satisfied with the procedure described in the regulation.

Hokitika, 16th August, 1898.

A. J. MORTON, Secretary.