

(c.) That the child is unable to attend school by reason of sickness, danger of infection, temporary or permanent infirmity, or other sufficient cause :

(d.) That the road by which the child has to travel to school is not sufficiently passable :

(e.) That the child holds a certificate, as prescribed by regulations, that he has reached a standard of education prescribed by such regulations as the standard of exemption.

(2.) Every such certificate of exemption shall state the ground of exemption and shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be in force for a period of one year, or for such shorter period as is named in the certificate.

(3.) During the period named in the certificate the holder thereof shall be freed from the operation of the provisions of this Act in respect of the child named therein.

(4.) Any parent who is dissatisfied with the decision of a Committee in refusing to grant an exemption certificate may appeal to the Education Board against such decision, and the Board (whose decision shall be final) may overrule or confirm such decision.

(5.) For the purposes of this section,—

“Efficient instruction” means such instruction as is prescribed by regulations :

“Regular instruction” means instruction attendance at which is as regular as that prescribed in subsection *one* of section one hundred and *forty-one* hereof.

General certificate
of exemption for
certain schools.

1901, No. 54, sec. 5

143. (1.) If ten or more children resident in any school district are on the roll of any school other than a public school, the head teacher of such school may apply for and receive from the Chairman or Secretary of the Board a general certificate of exemption for such children upon satisfying the Board that efficient and regular instruction is given at such school.

(2.) Such general certificate of exemption shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be in force for the period of one year, and shall have no force in respect of any child whose attendance at such school is not as regular as that prescribed in subsection *one* of section one hundred and *forty-one* hereof.

(3.) The attendance register of such school shall be open at all times when the school is open to the Truant Officer or the Secretary of the Board.

(4.) Every general certificate of exemption shall be made in duplicate, and it shall be the duty of the person applying for such certificate to forward one copy to the Chairman of the School Committee of the district in which the children named therein reside.

Proceedings to
compel attendances.
Ibid, sec. 6

144. (1.) If any child required by this Act to attend a public school does not so attend, the Truant Officer or School Committee of the district in which such child resides shall give the parent of such child notice in writing, in the form in the *Tenth* Schedule hereto, calling upon such parent to send such child to school.

(2.) Every parent who, after receiving such notice, fails to send such child to school within seven days is liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds and not less than five shillings; and the pay-