

Clause 10. Dr. Anderson moved to add the following words: "That it be a recommendation of this Conference that the schedules to the Teachers' Salaries Act be amended in the following directions—(a) by affording relief to schools of Grades 7 and 8; (b) by the omission of the provision that a fifth-year pupil-teacher continuing in the same school shall receive the remuneration of a third-year pupil-teacher."

Amendment negatived.

The Conference divided on clause 10. Ayes, 5; Noes, 19: majority against, 14. Clause 10 negatived.

Clause 11, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Report of committee agreed to by Conference.

Mr. Spencer moved, "That the great importance of the work done in district high schools be laid before the Minister for Railways, and that he be respectfully asked to afford every facility for the carriage of pupils attending secondary classes in such schools."

Agreed to.

Mr. Richardson moved, and Mr. Bossence seconded, "That in the opinion of this Conference it is highly desirable in the interests of education in this colony that the Education Department should make arrangements to enable the Inspector-General to visit Europe and America at an early date."

Agreed to.

The Chairman stated that he had been desired by Messrs. Gray, Grierson, and Crowe to inform the Conference that they had had to leave Wellington on Wednesday through urgent private business.

On the motion of Mr. Richardson, a motion was passed expressing the sympathy of the Conference with Messrs. Goodwin and J. Smith in their illness.

Mr. Goyen proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the business of the Conference.

Mr. Petrie seconded.

The Chairman returned thanks.

The Conference adjourned finally at 1.20 p.m.

APPENDIX.

SUBJECTS PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION.—CIRCULAR TO INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 14th January, 1904.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Education, to invite you to attend a Conference of Inspectors of Schools, meeting at Wellington on Wednesday, the 3rd February proximo, at 11 a.m., to consider, *inter alia*,—

1. The curriculum, &c., of training-colleges;
 2. Dates and arrangements for National and other scholarship examinations;
 3. Pupil-teachers and pupil-teachers' examinations;
 4. Examination cards in English and arithmetic for Standard VI.;
- and other subjects, if any, that may be admitted.

I shall be glad to receive suggestions for additional subjects.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE HOGBEN,
Secretary of Education.

Inspector of Schools, _____.

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