

Thursday's Order Paper.

- (a.) Withdrawn.
- (b.) Lost.
- (c.) Adopted (now provided for in Sheet 2 of the draft regulations: see Appendix).

Suggestions from Institute.

Consideration deferred.

The Conference went into committee to consider the report:—

Clause 1. Adopted as printed.

Clause 2. Committee's recommendation agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clause 3. Adopted as printed.

Clause 4. Mr. Goyen moved as an amendment, "In general the classification of a school shall be determined immediately after the visit of the Inspector, of which notice is given as prescribed in clause 1; provided that in schools in the vicinity of secondary or district high schools, it shall be determined at the beginning of the year."—Amendment negatived, and clause as printed agreed to: Ayes, 12; Noes, 26.

Clause 5. Committee's recommendation agreed to, and clause as amended by committee adopted.

Clause 6. Committee's amendment and recommendations agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clause 7. Adopted as printed.

Clause 8. Resolved, That the words "a due proportion" in the rough draft be deleted, and the word "any" be substituted therefor.—Clause as amended adopted.

Clause 9. Resolved to omit the words "oral or written" in the second line.—Committee's recommendations agreed to; clause as amended adopted.

Clauses 10 and 11 adopted as printed.

Clause 12. Committee's recommendation agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clauses 13 and 14 adopted as printed.

Clause 15. Mr. Petrie moved, as an amendment to committee's recommendation, "That the standard of exemption be the Fifth Standard."—Amendment negatived: Ayes, 14; Noes, 26. Committee's recommendation agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clause 16. Mr. Petrie moved, as an amendment to committee's recommendation, "That 45 per cent. be substituted for 50 per cent."—Amendment negatived. Committee's recommendation agreed to. Clause adopted as printed.

Clauses 17 and 18 adopted as printed.

Clause 19. Committee's recommendation agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

It was agreed that a note be placed in the Appendix, or attached to this clause, suggesting the following allocation of marks for a certificate of proficiency: Reading, recitation, and comprehension, 150; composition, 150; spelling and writing, 100.

Clause 20. Adopted as printed.

Clause 21. Recommendation of committee agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clause 22. Recommendation of committee agreed to, and clause as amended adopted.

Clauses 23, 24, and 25 adopted as printed.

Mr. Fleming moved, "That there be inserted in the regulations a note to the effect that the knowledge of the work of any standard in English and arithmetic presupposes a knowledge of the work of any previous standard."—Motion agreed to.

The committee's recommendation that test cards for Standards IV, V, VI, and VII in English and arithmetic be issued was agreed to.

Progress was then reported, and the report of the regulations committee as amended was adopted.

It was resolved that the Conference adjourn at 4.30 p.m. to meet again at 8 p.m.

Mr. Hogben having to leave, asked that Dr. Anderson take the chair.

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECONDARY EDUCATION, FREE PLACES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Conference then went into committee to consider the report of the secondary education committee, as printed:—

Clause 5 (present regulations) approved.

Clause 7 (a). Amended by inserting after the words "this purpose" the words "provided that the holder has passed the examination for senior free places or an equivalent examination." In line 2 of the proviso, "£40" shall read "£45."

Clause 7 (b). Mr. Spencer's motion—No. 3, page 1, of order paper—approved.

Clause 7 (c). Amended to read, "who, whether under sixteen or not, has passed with credit the Civil Service Junior Examination, or the special examination for senior free places, or has passed the Matriculation Examination."

Clause 14 (ii). Line 3 and line 7: That "two" read "one."

Clause 15. Line 2: That after the words "high school" be inserted the words "technical school." Line 6: That after the word "accordingly" be inserted the words "for any remaining period of the tenure of his free place."

Clause 16. Line 7: Delete from "he" to "school," and substitute therefor "he had been admitted to such school originally."