

Scheme for Grading of Teachers.

(Total, 100 marks.)

1. Service	10	(2 years = 1 mark.)
2. Academic attainment	15	
3. Teaching-proficiency	40	
4. Personality and discipline	20	
5. Organization	10	
6. Environment	5	

On the motion of Mr. Gray, the report of the Training Committee as amended in Committee of the Whole Conference was adopted.

Mr. Gray moved, That Professor White, Messrs. Milnes, Gray, Fleming, and Bakewell be appointed a committee to consider further the matter of the classification of teachers.

The Conference adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1910.

The Conference resumed at 10 a.m.

The minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read and confirmed.

A memorandum from the Minister of Education *re* temperance-teaching was referred to the Training Committee.

A memorandum was received from the Minister of Education *re* freedom of classification.

On the motion of Mr. Fleming, it was decided to consider this memorandum presently.

Notices of motion were received.

On the motion of Mr. Milnes, Mr. Watkins's name was added to the committee set up to consider the training of teachers.

Mr. Goyen moved, Mr. Mulgan seconded, That Messrs. Braik and Hill be added to the committee to consider the training of teachers.—Carried.

Mr. Gray asked leave to move a resolution dealing with the committee set up *in re* training of teachers as follows: "That the committee appointed at the close of yesterday afternoon's session be instructed to confer with the Department."

Leave granted, and, on the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Petrie, it was agreed to.

Dr. Anderson read the report of the special committee set up by the Conference to deal with the question of the certificate to be given in recognition for a complete period of training, and moved that it be referred to the Training Committee.—Carried.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Conference go into Committee of the Whole to consider the interim report of the Scholarships Committee.—Carried.

The Conference went into committee to consider the report.

The Conference resumed.

Interim Report of Scholarships Committee.

A. "That the attention of the Department be drawn to the effect the recent action of the University Senate in raising the standard of the Matriculation Examination will have on pupil-teachers, probationers, and candidates for the D certificate, and on pupils who cannot arrange to take the four-years course at a secondary school or district high school."

B. "That all certificates of proficiency be granted on the results of the Department's Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examinations."

This committee has no recommendation to make.

That the following words be added to clause 22 of the Regulations for Manual and Technical Instruction, to follow the word "included": "Provided always that on the recommendation of an Inspector of Schools pupils from any class in any grade of school may in exceptional cases be included."

That in clause 72, section (e), of "The Education Act, 1908," dealing with Junior National Scholarships, the word "thirty-five" be substituted for "forty," and the words "one hundred and sixty" for "two hundred."

Mr. J. A. Smith's notice of motion: "That the privilege of freedom of classification be restricted to teachers who possess sufficient experience to enable them to employ it judiciously."

Mr. G. Harkness's notice of motion: "That only with the approval of the Inspector should the right to conduct an annual examination and to classify the pupils of a school be granted to a sole teacher."

The committee is of opinion that the powers at present in the hands of Inspectors, if carefully exercised, are sufficient to insure a proper classification.

RALPH D. STEWART, Convener.

The report of the Scholarships Committee, as amended in Committee of the Whole, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Mulgan presented a second interim report of the Regulations Committee.—The report was received.

Mr. Fleming moved, That the memorandum from the Minister *in re* freedom of classification be considered. Seconded by Professor White.—Carried.