

Mr. Fleming moved, Professor White seconded, That the report of this discussion be forwarded to the Minister.—Agreed to.

At 12.15 p.m. the Conference went into Committee of the Whole to consider the interim report of the Regulations Committee.

At 12.45 p.m. the Conference adjourned while in Committee of the Whole.

The Conference resumed at 2.30 p.m. in Committee.

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*Interim Report of the Regulations Committee.*

In addition to notices of motion appearing on the order paper of the 15th instant, the following motions were dealt with :—

That in line 2, Regulation 6, the words “ forward to the Inspector in duplicate ” be deleted, and the words “ prepare and present to the Inspector at his next visit to the school ” be inserted therefor.—Mover, C. R. Richardson ; seconder, C. R. Bossence.

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.”—Mover, W. A. Ballantyne ; seconder, R. G. Whetter.

The Committee beg to report as follows :—

*North Canterbury Inspectors' Notices.*

That the following be substituted for Notice No. 1 :—

“ 1. That in line 17 of clause 6 of the Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Schools the following words be omitted : From ‘ The absence of a pupil ’ down to ‘ marks gained by him ’ ; and after the paragraph the following be inserted : ‘ In the case of pupils absent from any of the periodical examinations, the teacher shall, if possible, enter in red ink an estimate of the quality of the pupil’s work in each subject. ’ ”

That notices No. 2, No. 3 (with the substitution of the number “ 150 ” for “ 142,” and “ 1908 ” for “ 1904,” and the omission of the words “ or its equivalent as prescribed by regulations ”), No. 4, and No. 5 (with the omission of the numbers 37 and 38), be approved.

That the following be substituted for the notice of motion submitted by Mr. Richardson : “ That in line 2 of clause 6 of the Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Schools the words ‘ in duplicate ’ be struck out, and the following words inserted after the word ‘ Department ’ in line 4 : ‘ and shall be a duplicate of the results of the annual examination as entered in the school Examination Register, which shall be the school record of such examination,’ and, further, that the second paragraph of clause 7 be deleted.”

The committee discussed the question of the supply of free school-books, and recommended that it be a recommendation from this Conference to the Department that in the future distribution of grants for the issue of free text-books children be required to purchase one literary reader.

16th February, 1910.

E. K. MULGAN, Convener.

On the motion of Mr. Mulgan, the interim report of the Regulations Committee, except clause 5, was adopted, and the committee was granted leave to sit again.

Mr. Gray presented the final report of the Training Committee.

The report of the Training Committee was received, and it was decided to consider the report presently.

The final report of the Scholarships Committee was presented by Mr. Stewart.—Received ; to be considered presently.

Mr. Mulgan presented the final report of the Regulations Committee.—Received ; to be considered presently.

Mr. Harkness moved, Mr. Petrie seconded, That the Conference do now adjourn till 10 a.m. on Friday, to enable the Syllabus Committee to report.

Dr. Anderson moved, Mr. Fleming seconded, That the Conference do now adjourn till 3.30 p.m. to-day.

The amendment was carried on division by 26 to 14.

The Conference adjourned at 3 p.m.

The Conference resumed at 3.40 p.m.

Mr. Harkness presented an interim report from the Syllabus Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Harkness, it was decided to receive the report and consider it forthwith.

Mr. Harkness moved, Mr. Gill seconded, That the Conference go into Committee of the Whole and consider the report forthwith.—Carried.

*Interim Report of the Syllabus Committee.*

The committee request leave to present an interim report concerning the matters submitted to its consideration as follows :—

The following resolutions were approved by the committee, and are recommended to the consideration of the Conference :—

A. (1.) The subjects included in the course be arranged in the order of their significance and importance in primary-school subjects.

(2.) As far as practicable, subjects of co-ordinate value be placed together.

(3.) At the various stages in the course the subjects should be introduced in proper sequence as determined by the average pupil’s physical and mental development.