

Surely the Board might have power to require reasonable payments from well-to-do settlers who would otherwise secure private governesses at a ridiculously low rate. The same Board proposes that in the Sixth Schedule the grant for Grade 0 schools shall be £12 per head instead of £6 per head. I do not know any country in which so liberal an amount is paid as in New Zealand, and to increase it would in my opinion lead to the unnecessary multiplication of schools in Grade 0. Besides, paragraph (b) provides an alternative solution of the difficulty.

Clause 53 (6).—Strike out the words “an Inspector or of any,” and substitute therefor the words “the Director or Assistant Director, or of any Inspector or of any other.”

Clause 66.—Subclause (5): To omit the words “sections fifty-six to sixty-five hereof,” and substitute the words “this Act”; and to add at the end of the subclause the words “until such time as the Board, with the consent of the Minister, establishes them as public schools.”

Subclause (6): To omit the word “Minister” and substitute the word “Governor.”

Clause 67.—Subclause 3 (b): It was suggested by Mr. Mulgan and several other witnesses that when a school increased in size it might sometimes be more desirable to appoint an outsider to one of the new positions created than to promote thereto an assistant already in the school, and in such a case that there ought to be power to transfer the assistant not promoted. It was suggested that the insertion after the word “conduct” of the words “or organization” would meet the case, but in my opinion this is already implied in the word “conduct,” which the addition of the words would seem to limit.

Subclause (4): Objection was taken by three Education Boards to the necessity for advertising imposed by the subclause. The subclause refers only to appointments other than transfers, and I do not see in what other way than by advertising the post could be thrown open to all qualified teachers in the Dominion. The only case in which advertisements might seem to be unnecessary would be in that of training-college students.

Clause 68 (1).—The New Zealand Educational Institute proposes the deletion of this subclause. There may often be cases in which a Committee may recommend to the Board the promotion of a teacher already in the school, and so save the time involved in making a new appointment.

Clause 73.—To add the following new subclause:—

“(2.) The number of teachers in a Native school shall not be less than the number provided for in a public school of the same size.”

Clause 75.—Subclause (2): To omit the words “under the former Act” in lines 32 and 33.

Subclause (10): To omit the word “any” in line 3 and substitute the words “the head” to omit the words “special school or” in lines 3 and 4 and substitute the words “or to any teacher in.”

Clause 78.—The Wellington Board suggested that the notice to be given by a teacher of his intention to relinquish his engagement should be two months instead of one month, the reason given being that one month does not give enough time to the Board to fill the vacancy. The amendment, however, only partly does away with the difficulty, because most vacancies for which applications might have to be called, and obviously even with two months’ notice the time allowed for filling the second and third vacancies might still be less than one month.

Clause 79.—It is suggested by Wanganui that after the word “use” the words “by the Board” should be inserted. There is no harm in inserting these words, but I think they are already implied.

Clause 84 (1), (2).—It is suggested that action might be taken without Boards being consulted. To avoid any danger of this occurring, the words “after consultation with the Board” might be inserted in subclause (1) after the words “education district,” and in subclause (2) after the words “urban school districts.” In subclause (1) omit the words “Part I of.”

Clauses 85, 86.—These have reference to the Ninth Schedule. In drawing up that schedule it was overlooked that as regards control the schools in Part I are of three classes. The schedule is therefore divided into three parts—Part I, Christchurch Boys’ High School and Christchurch Girls’ High School, which are controlled by the Canterbury College Board of Governors; Part III, Wanganui Girls’ College and Marlborough High School, which are controlled by a Board consisting of the same persons as the members of the Education Board. Part II of the schedule as printed in the Bill is unnecessary, as will appear later.

Clause 85 (1).—This requires amendment as follows: After the words “named in” delete the words “Part I,” and insert in lieu thereof “Parts I and II”; and after the words “provided that” insert the words “in the case of the secondary classes named in Part II of the said schedule.”

There has been some objection made to the second proviso of the subclause, and there would indeed be some difficulty in carrying it out. It has, however, been suggested that parents of pupils should in all cases be represented on the governing bodies of the secondary schools, and I therefore suggest that for the second proviso of 85 (1) there should be substituted the following: “Provided further that in the case of any school named in Part II of the same schedule, where any such Act does not provide for the election of members of the governing body by the parents of the pupils, it is hereby enacted that the parents shall elect two members in the manner prescribed by the scheme referred to in section eighty-eight hereof.”

Clause 86 (1).—Consequential amendments should be made as follows: By deleting the words “name in Part II of” and substituting therefor the words “other than those schools named in Parts I and II.”

Subclause (4) may be deleted as unnecessary (see clause 108 (3)).

Clause 94.—Insert after the word “account,” in paragraph (a), the words in “the prescribed form”; and add at the end of the paragraph the words “and of its assets and liabilities, audited in such manner as may be prescribed.”