

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 1871.

1. Mr CURTIS to move, in Committee on the Education Bill:—

In section 7, to strike out lines 6 to 16, both inclusive, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

“Every Board Committee or other body which at the time of the passing of this Act shall by authority of any Act or Ordinance of any Province have the general direction or control of public education or the management of schools within such Province shall continue to hold office until an Education Board shall have been elected for such Province under the provisions of this Act.”

In section 8, to strike out lines 17 to 35, both inclusive, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

“Within thirty days next after the election as hereinafter provided of any School Committee such Committee shall meet at a time and place to be appointed by the Superintendent and shall elect some person to be a member of the Education Board: Provided that if and when the number of School Committees within any Province shall be more than fifteen the Superintendent shall by notice in the *Government Gazette* of such Province and in the *New Zealand Gazette* declare that any two or more of such Committees shall form a Joint Committee for the purpose only of electing and who shall elect some person to be a member of the Education Board and no one of the Committees so declared by the Superintendent to form part of any such Joint Committee shall elect any person to be a member of the Education Board otherwise than as herein last provided and the total number of persons elected by such School Committees and Joint Committees shall not exceed fifteen.”

“The Superintendent of each Province shall by notice in the *Government Gazette* of such Province and by advertisement in at least one newspaper circulating in such Province appoint the time and place at which any School Committees declared to form a Joint Committee shall meet for the purpose of electing a member of the Education Board.”

“If any School Committee or Joint Committee shall neglect to elect a member of the Education Board the Board shall be held to be fully constituted nevertheless.”

“The Superintendent of every Province shall appoint one person being a member of the Executive Council of such Province to be a member of the Board and such person together with the persons elected by the School Committees and Joint Committees shall constitute the Education Board of such Province.”

“The Board shall at their first meeting elect one of their number to be Chairman of the Board whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board at which he is present.”

To strike out the last twelve lines in the same section (8).

To amend section 12 by providing for monthly meetings of the Board.

To amend section 13 by raising the quorum to five and altering the provisions as to the office of Chairman.

In section 18, to strike out the words “the Minister of Education” and insert “a Government Inspector of Schools” in lieu thereof.

In section 33, to strike out the words “contribute towards” in line 5, and insert the words “fix and pay” in lieu thereof; and to insert the words “to contribute” after the word “and” in line 6.

To insert the following new clause, to follow section 46 :—

It shall be lawful for the Board of any Province if it shall think it expedient in the interests of education or for any other reason to provide that all or any of the public schools within such Province shall be open to all children between the ages of five and fourteen years free of any school fees or other payment whatsoever.

To strike out sections 53 and 54 and insert the following in lieu thereof :—

Whenever any twenty-five or more ratepayers in any Province shall signify in writing to the Education Board their desire to be constituted into a separate body for educational purposes and shall have elected a School Committee of not less than five nor more than nine ratepayers it shall be the duty of the Education Board to pay over to such Committee all rates thereafter contributed by such ratepayers and all others who shall from time to time have signified in writing to the Board their desire to be included in such separate body and it shall also be lawful for the Board to grant to such Committee such additional aid in books school apparatus and money as to the Board shall seem expedient or at the option of such Committee such additional aid may be granted in money only inclusive of the value of such books and school apparatus as would otherwise be supplied by the Board: Provided always that every such Committee shall provide a schoolhouse or schoolhouses to the satisfaction of the Board and shall appoint and pay the master or masters mistress or mistresses of such school or schools and that every such school shall be open to all children between the ages of five and fourteen years without fee or payment and shall be subject to inspection in the same manner as public schools under this Act and that secular instruction shall be imparted in every such school to the satisfaction of the Board and that any religious instruction given in any such school shall be given subject to the conditions contained in section fifty-five of this Act.

To add the following proviso to subsection 2 of section 55.

“Provided that such religious observance or instruction shall be practised or given only by direction or with the assent of the School Committee.”

In subsection 2 of section 56 to strike out the word “shall” and insert the words “may by direction or with the assent of the School Committee” in lieu thereof.

To strike out sections 59 to 65, both inclusive.

In section 77, to strike out the words “the Board may from time to time for each year determine” and insert the following in lieu thereof :—“shall be fixed and determined by resolution of the Provincial Council confirmed by the Superintendent of such Province.”

To insert the following new clause to follow section 85 :—

The Board of any Province may also if authorized by resolution of the Provincial Council confirmed by the Superintendent in addition to either an annual value rate or a household rate make and levy upon every householder within such Province a rate of five shillings for every child of such householder between the ages of five and fourteen years: Provided always that no such householder shall be liable to pay for more than four children nor for any child residing more than three miles from any public school.

2. Mr. WAKEFIELD, on consideration of the Education Bill in Committee, to move, That clause 3 be struck out, in order to insert in lieu thereof the following clauses :—

So soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty shall by Commission under the Seal of the Colony appoint a fit and proper person to be the Comptroller of Education and from time to time afterwards in case of the death resignation or removal of any such Comptroller shall appoint some other fit and proper person in his stead and such Comptroller is hereinafter referred to as “the Comptroller:” Provided

always that if at any time hereafter the office of Comptroller of Education shall be abolished the person holding the office at that time shall have no claim for compensation on account of such abolition.

No Comptroller appointed under this Act shall during his continuance in office be capable of being a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony or of either House of the General Assembly or a Superintendent of any Province or a Member of any Provincial Council or of holding any other place of profit whatever.

The Comptroller shall hold office during good behaviour and shall only be removable therefrom by the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty upon an address from both Houses of the General Assembly for such removal and there shall be paid to the Comptroller out of the a clear annual salary of such amount to include clerical assistance.

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time when the General Assembly is not in Session to suspend any Comptroller and such suspension unless sooner revoked by the Governor in Council shall continue in force until the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

Every Comptroller immediately on his appointment shall take and subscribe an oath before the Governor to perform the duties of his office faithfully and to the best of his ability.

In case of the illness suspension or absence of the Comptroller it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint some person to act as the Deputy of the Comptroller during such illness suspension or absence and every such Deputy shall during the time that he shall act as such Deputy have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Comptroller and shall receive such remuneration not exceeding after the rate of pounds per annum as the Governor in Council shall determine. Every Deputy before acting as such shall take and subscribe before the Governor a similar oath to that hereinbefore prescribed to be taken by the Comptroller.

That the word "Minister" in the 1st and 4th lines of clause 4 be struck out, and the word "Comptroller" inserted in lieu thereof.

That the following words be added at the end of clause 4:—

"And shall from time to time as he may deem it necessary draft minutes of any new regulations or Orders in Council proposed by him and forward the same in writing to the Premier who shall forthwith submit the same for the concurrence therein of the Executive Council and the Governor in Council as may be required."

That the word "Minister," in the 2nd, 7th, and 8th lines of clause 5 be struck out, in order to insert in lieu thereof the word "Comptroller."

That the following words be added at the end of clause 5, as amended:—

"Provided always that no such appointment or removal shall be made or have any force unless it shall have been previously recommended or concurred in in writing by the Comptroller."

"It shall be the duty of the Comptroller to forward to the Premier all reports of all the business transacted in his Department and of all communications whether oral or written that may have taken place between the Premier and the Comptroller as to any recommendations made by the Comptroller and not concurred in by the Executive Council or recommendations made by the Executive Council and not concurred in by the Comptroller and such reports shall be laid immediately on the opening of the then next ensuing Session of the General Assembly on the Table of both Houses thereof together with the observations that any Member of the Executive Council may have seen fit to make in writing thereon."

That the word "Minister" be struck out and the word "Comptroller" inserted in lieu thereof in every subsequent portion of the Bill where it occurs, viz. :—

- Clause 18, line 4.
- Clause 39, line 1.
- Clause 40, line 2.
- Clause 41, line 2.
- Clause 54, lines 1 and 6.
- Clause 56, line 2.
- Clause 67, line 1.
- Clause 68, lines 2, 8, 9, and 11.
- Clause 69, lines 3, 4, 9.
- Clause 71, line 1.
- Clause 72, lines 3 and 8.
- Clause 73, lines 1 and 8; and
- Clause 75, lines 2 and 10.

3. Mr. CREIGHTON to move, in Committee on the Education Bill,—

In section 52, to strike out all the words after the word "granted," line 40, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—"A Government Inspector of Schools may and he is hereby required to inspect such school and report upon the application and educational results of such grants in aid and upon the want or otherwise of school instruction in such localities."

To strike out section 53, and insert the following clauses to stand 53, 54, and 55, respectively:—

53. It shall be lawful for any School Committee in a thinly populated district with the approval of the Board to employ a duly qualified teacher on guaranteeing one-half of his salary although such district may not possess a school building on condition that such teacher shall be required to teach from house to house during the year: Provided always that aid to the extent of one moiety of such teacher's salary and such other aid as the Board may deem to be expedient shall be contributed by the Board.

54. Evening schools may be opened in any school building by any duly-qualified teacher for instruction in any of the elementary or higher branches of education subject to the approval of the School Committee the school fees to be the property of the teacher.

55. Public schools established under this Act shall be open to inspection by a Government Inspector of Schools at all times during school hours and by any Member of the Board or School Committee and the parent or guardian of any child attending the school or any ratepayer subscriber or donor shall be entitled to visit the school at any time on obtaining an order in writing from any Member of the School Committee.

To strike out sections 55 and 56, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

The instruction in all public schools established under this Act shall be purely secular: Provided that the following branches shall require to be thoroughly taught in all such schools viz. spelling reading writing arithmetic English grammar English history English composition physical and political geography object lessons in form size colour &c.: Provided also that all such schools shall be kept open on all schools days for at least four hours which shall be consecutive and exclusively devoted to the foregoing branches: Provided also that it shall be lawful for any School Committee to permit the school building to be used for the religious instruction of children on Sundays and on week days outside of the hours set apart for the usual school instruction at such times or alternate times as shall afford to the scholars of different denominations equal opportunities for receiving such instruction upon the person or persons so obtaining the use of the school building giving to the School Committee a sufficient guarantee that due care shall be taken of the building and furniture and for the repayment of any expenses rendered necessary by such use.

To strike out section 57.