

Hon. Mr. Wright.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Education Act, 1914.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

5 1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Education Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title and commencement.

(2.) This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

10 2. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two all words after the words "or to combine two or more school districts."

Section 40 of principal Act (as to school districts) amended.

15 3. Where any School Committee ceases to function owing to the closing of a school the whole of the school fund in the hands of the Committee after meeting its outstanding liabilities shall be paid to the Board.

Disposal of school fund when school closed.

 4. Section fifty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

Children not to be expelled from school except by Board.

20 (a.) By omitting from subsection one the words "to expel or forbid the attendance of," and substituting the words "to suspend from attendance"; and by adding to the same subsection the words "The teacher shall forthwith report to the Board the action taken by him and the reasons therefor."

(b.) By repealing subsection two, and substituting the following:—

“(2.) The Board shall thereupon investigate the matter and may direct the child to be reinstated, or it may expel the child or forbid his attendance until the cause of complaint has been remedied or no longer exists.”

Issue of licenses to teach to be discontinued.

5. (1.) Section seventy-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “or license to teach,” and also by omitting from the proviso to the same subsection the words “or a person holding a license to teach” wherever they appear in the proviso.

(2.) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section every person who at the date of the commencement of this Act is the holder of a license to teach shall, subject to any other provisions in that behalf, be eligible for appointment as a teacher under section seventy-one of the principal Act so long as his license remains in force. Every such license may be renewed in terms of and shall otherwise remain subject to the provisions of the regulations under which it was issued, which for the purposes of such licenses shall continue in force notwithstanding the foregoing repeal of the provisions relating to the issue of licenses to teach.

Disability on teacher who refuses position for which he has applied.

6. Where a teacher has been an applicant for a position pursuant to section seventy-one of the principal Act and has afterwards refused the position when offered to him, he shall not, unless he satisfies the Director of Education that there was a sufficient and proper reason for such refusal, be eligible for an appointment to another position as a teacher in the service of any Board for a period of twelve months from the date of his refusal or such shorter period as the Director fixes.

Intermediate and leaving certificates may be granted in cases where instruction received outside New Zealand.

7. Section ninety-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (a) and also to paragraph (b) the words “or in any school or schools outside New Zealand at which, in the opinion of the Director, equivalent instruction is given.”

Section 102 of principal Act (as to Junior and Senior National Scholarships) amended.

8. Section one hundred and two of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting from subsection two the words “to the Secretary of the Education Board of the district,” and by adding to the same subsection the words “and has a reasonable chance of obtaining one”:

(b.) By omitting from subsection three the words “fourteen years,” and substituting the words “thirteen years”:

(c.) By omitting from subsection four the words “sixteen years,” and substituting the words “fifteen years”:

(d.) By omitting from subsection five as set out in section twenty-six of the Education Amendment Act, 1920, the words “five hundred children,” and substituting the words “seven hundred and fifty children.”

Increasing lodging-allowances payable to scholarship-holders.

9. Section one hundred and four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection two, after the words “thirty-five pounds per annum,” the words “in the case of the holder of a junior scholarship and of fifty pounds per annum in the case of the holder of a

senior scholarship"; and by omitting from the same subsection the words "approved by the Board," and substituting the words "approved by the governing body or controlling authority of the school at which he pursues his studies."

5 10. (1.) Section one hundred and five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Section 105 of principal Act (term of scholarship) amended.

(a.) By repealing the first proviso (as set out in section eleven of the Education Amendment Act, 1919) to subsection one; and by omitting from the second proviso to the same subsection all the words after the words "at the same time":

10 (b.) By omitting from subsection two the words "by quarterly instalments," and substituting the words "at the prescribed times"; and by omitting from the same subsection the words "up to the date of the instalment."

15 (2.) Section eleven of the Education Amendment Act, 1919, is hereby sequentially repealed.

Consequential repeal.

11. Section one hundred and six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "after the end of each quarter," and substituting the words "as they fall due."

Section 106 of principal Act amended.

20 12. The regulations governing the award of Junior and Senior National Scholarships may provide that in determining the successful candidates for scholarships the age of the candidates shall be taken into consideration, and that concessions, either by way of marking or otherwise, as set out in the regulations, shall be made in the case of younger

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25 candidates.

13. (1.) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, candidates who on the first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, are over thirteen but not over fourteen in the case of Junior National Scholarships and over fifteen but not over sixteen in the case of Senior

Saving provisions in relief of children adversely affected by this Act.

30 National Scholarships may be allowed to compete, subject to regulations in that behalf, at the examinations for scholarships to be held in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and may be awarded scholarships.

(2.) Regulations made pursuant to subsection five of section one hundred and two of the principal Act as amended by this Act, determining the total number of scholarships to be awarded in the year

35 ending on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, shall not fix a less number than three-fourths of the total number of scholarships awarded in the year ended on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

40 14. Section one hundred and thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words "public-school building," and substituting the words "registered-school building"; and by repealing subsection six thereof.

Medical inspection extended to secondary schools, &c.