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MANUAL AND TECHNICAL ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Promotion of Technical Instruction in State Schools. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Manual and Technical Elementary Instruction Act, 1890." Short Title.

2. In this Act,—

10 "Manual instruction" means instruction in the use of tools, and in modelling in clay, wood, or other material: Interpretation.

15 "Technical instruction" means instruction in the principles of science and art applicable to industries, and in the application of special branches of science and art to specific industries or employments. It does not include teaching the practice of any trade, industry, or employment.

3. "Manual instruction," within the meaning of this Act, may be given only to the pupils in attendance at a public school and there following the standard course of instruction, and to such pupils "manual instruction" must be given at extra hours beyond the ordinary school-time. For manual instruction so given a payment may be made by the Minister of Education to the Education Board, and by the Education Board to the teacher, at the rate of two 25 shillings a quarter for every unit of average attendance at the class for manual instruction, provided that the manual instruction of each pupil occupies at least two hours a week for ten weeks within the quarter. Manual instruction to public scholars provided for as an extra out of State funds.

Technical instruction provided for public scholars who have passed the Fourth Standard.

4. "Technical instruction," within the meaning of this Act, may be given only to such scholars as have passed the Fourth Standard prescribed by regulations made under "The Education Act, 1877," or have obtained from an Inspector of Schools appointed under the said Act a certificate of having passed the examination set forth in the Schedule to this Act. 5

For such technical instruction, occupying at least twelve hours a week for ten weeks during any quarter, a grant shall be made by the Minister of Education to the Education Board at the rate of ten shillings for every unit of average attendance at such instruction. 10

Scheme of instruction to be prepared for Minister of Education's approval.

5. Every Board proposing to establish a course of technical instruction under this Act shall prepare a scheme showing the scope of the proposed instruction, and shall submit such scheme to the Minister for his approval; and no payment shall be made by the Minister of Education to any Education Board for any technical instruction under this Act until the scheme of such instruction has received the Minister's approval. Any such scheme may include the payment of fees as a condition of attendance. 15

Regulations.

6. Regulations may be made by the Governor in Council defining any course of manual or technical instruction, and prescribing the times of the making of payments under this Act. 20