

Hon. Mr. Reeves.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Promotion of Elementary Technical Instruction. 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. The Short Title of this Act is "The Manual and Technical Elementary Instruction Act, 1892." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

10 "Manual instruction" means instruction in the practical handling of tools, and in the actual construction of models and other articles in wood, metal, clay, or other material:

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 exclude such instruction in the use of tools and appliances as is necessary to the full illustration of the application of any branch of science or art to any specific industry or employment:

20 "Country district" means any locality that is not less than five miles distant from the nearest part of the boundary of the nearest town or borough of more than five thousand inhabitants; and, in the application of this definition, the census which for the time being is the last available shall be the authority for the population of a town or borough:

25 "A quarter" means a period of three calendar months beginning on the first day of one of the months of January, April, July, and October in any year.

Manual instruction as part of public-school course.

3. It shall be lawful for any Education Board constituted under "The Education Act, 1877," to order that manual instruction be given in any public school under the control of such Board as if manual instruction had been included in the list of subjects prescribed in the eighty-fourth section of the said Act.

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Manual instruction for pupils of public schools in extra school-hours.

4. Any Education Board may authorise any teacher in one of its public schools, or any person specially appointed by the Board, to hold a class for manual instruction in any such school at hours not included in the ordinary school-time, and such hours shall be deemed to be extra school-hours; and if such instruction occupies at least two hours a week for ten weeks in any quarter, and is given by a teacher whose qualifications for giving it have been proved to the satisfaction of the Minister of Education, the said Minister shall order that a payment be made to the Board by the Treasury at the rate of *two shillings and sixpence* for the quarter for every unit of the average attendance at such instruction during the quarter, except that if the school in which the instruction is given is situated in a country district the payment shall be at the rate of *three shillings and ninepence* instead of at the rate of *two shillings and sixpence*.

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Classes for technical instruction may be established by Education Boards, and in certain cases by other authorities.

5. Any Education Board may, in any place within its district, establish classes for technical instruction entirely apart from the course of public-school instruction, and may receive payment for the same under this Act. In any place that is not within five miles of a place where a class is established by an Education Board for the purpose of technical instruction, any society or committee or other body of managers, or any instructor, may establish classes for technical instruction, and may receive payment for the same under this Act.

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The payment in any case hereinbefore provided for shall be at the rate of *one shilling and threepence* for the quarter for every unit of average attendance at a class, if the class is held for one hour a week for ten weeks during the quarter; but if the class is held for two hours a week for the ten weeks, the rate shall be *two shillings and sixpence*, and so on, the rate increasing by *one shilling and threepence* for every additional hour a week; and for classes in country districts the rate shall be *one shilling and tenpence halfpenny* instead of *one shilling and threepence* an hour.

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In every case it must be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister of Education that the instructor in any subject is competent to give instruction in the subject; and no payment shall be made in consideration of instruction given during any period prior to the production of satisfactory proof of the competency of the instructor.

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The Minister of Education shall order that payments in accordance with the provisions of this section be made by the Treasury to the Education Board, or to the body of managers as aforesaid, or to the instructor of a class which is not under the control of a Board or a body of managers.

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Times of payment authorised under this Act.

6. The payments authorised under the *fourth* and *fifth* sections of this Act shall be made quarter by quarter, and the payment in consideration of instruction given during any quarter shall be made as early as possible in the following quarter.

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All moneys by this Act authorised to be expended by the Trea-

sury shall be paid out of moneys from time to time appropriated for that purpose by the General Assembly.

7. The Minister of Education may appoint an Inspector or Inspection.
Inspectors, who shall have the right to visit all classes for manual
5 and technical instruction aided or subsidised in accordance with the
provisions of this Act, except that a class established by an Educa-
tion Board shall not be visited by an Inspector appointed under this
Act unless the Education Board shall request the Minister to cause
the class to be inspected under this Act.

10 At the request of any Education Board, the Minister may direct
an Inspector appointed under this Act to visit its public schools, and
to advise and report upon the course and method of the instruction in
elementary science, drawing, and manual instruction in such schools,
or any of them.

15 8. The Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, Power to make
regulations.
and revoke regulations—

- (1.) For defining the branches of manual and technical instruc-
tion and the course of such instruction ;
- 20 (2.) For issuing certificates to pupils according to their pro-
ficiency in any branch so defined ;
- (3.) For the inspection of schools and classes ;
- (4.) For the distribution of any money that may be voted by
the General Assembly for the purpose of assisting in the
erection of suitable buildings for technical instruction ;
- 25 (5.) For the purchase of apparatus for manual and technical in-
struction under this Act, and otherwise as may be
necessary to secure the due administration of this Act.

The payments hereinbefore provided for may be withheld in any
case where such regulations, or any of them, are not duly observed.

30 9. Fees may be charged for attendance at any class for tech- Fees may be
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nical instruction under this Act and at any class for manual
instruction given in extra school-hours, and all such fees shall be
fixed by the Education Board, or by the society, committee, or other
body of managers, or by the Instructor, as the case may require, and
35 may from time to time by the like authority be revoked, altered, or
made anew.