

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The Honourable Mr. BUCKLEY, in Committee on the Education Bill, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

The Committee of any school may set apart one-half school day in every week during which any minister or ministers of religion, or person or persons appointed by them, and approved by the local Committee, may impart religious instruction to such of the children on the books of the school as may belong to his or their religious denominations: Provided that no child or children shall be allowed to attend at such instruction except on a written request to that effect addressed to the teacher by the parents or guardians of such children.

Whenever any twenty-five or more householders in any education district shall signify in writing to the Education Board of such district their desire to be constituted into a separate body for educational purposes, it shall be the duty of the Board to convene a meeting of such householders for the election of a School Committee in the manner provided in Part III. of this Act, and it shall be lawful for the Board to grant the Committee so elected such aid in books, school apparatus, and money as the Board shall think expedient, or, at the option of the Committee, such 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 teacher or teachers of such school or schools, every such teacher having first obtained a certificate of competency, as provided in section forty-four of this Act: Provided also that all books used in any such school shall be approved by the Board, and that in every respect wherein no special exception is made in this section, every such school shall be a public school under this Act, and subject to the provisions which this Act makes for the conduct, management, and inspection of public schools, and that every such school shall be open to all children between the ages of five and fifteen years without fee or payment of any kind.

The Honourable Dr. POLLEN, in Committee upon the Auckland College and Grammar School Bill, to move the following amendments:—

To omit section 3, and to substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

3. The said Board shall consist of the Mayor for the time being of the City of Auckland, and of six persons to be elected by the electing bodies following, that is to say,—

- (1.) Three persons to be elected by the Board of the Education District of Auckland.
- (2.) Three persons to be elected jointly by the members of the Legislative Council usually resident within the Provincial District of Auckland, and the members of the House of Representatives for the several electorates of the aforesaid district.

3a. All elections under this Act shall be held at such times and conducted in such manner as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1.) There shall be a day appointed for the first elections hereunder, and the anniversary of such day in every recurring year shall be the day of the annual elections hereunder for supplying vacancies in the Board.
- (2.) The names of the Governors elected at any election shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and the said Governors shall come into office on their election, and shall hold office until the election of their successors.
- (3.) One of the Governors elected by each of the aforesaid electing bodies shall go out of office in every year on the day appointed for the annual elections hereunder, and the persons who shall go out of office shall be those who have been the longest in office without re-election, or where two or more shall have been in office for the same length of time, then those who shall go out of office shall be determined by lot. All retiring Governors shall be eligible for re-election.
- (4.) On the day appointed for the annual elections hereunder in every year, the aforesaid electing bodies shall, in conformity with the regulations which may have been made in that behalf respectively, elect a sufficient number of Governors to fill all the vacancies caused, since the last annual election hereunder, by the retirement, death, resignation, or disqualification of any of the Governors originally elected by each such electing body.
- (5.) If any election appointed to be held hereunder has not been held on the day appointed, it shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, by notification in some newspaper published in the City of Auckland, to appoint another day for holding such election.
- (6.) In case of a sufficient number of persons not having been elected at any election, or of any extraordinary vacancy occurring by death or in any manner mentioned in the next succeeding section, the elected or continuing members of the Board may appoint such person as they shall think fit to supply the vacancy until the next annual meeting for the election of Governors. During any vacancy in the Board the continuing members shall act as if such vacancy had not occurred.