

(2.) The member so appointed or elected shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

5. Whenever a casual vacancy is to be filled by the Governor the Council shall forthwith report the fact that such vacancy has occurred to the Minister, or, if the vacancy is to be filled by the Education Board, to the Secretary of that Board.

6. (1.) From time to time as may be necessary the Council shall appoint a Secretary, and shall appoint him or some other person with authority to receive and to pay moneys on its account. The Council shall in each case forthwith inform the Minister of such appointment.

(2.) (a.) At such times as may be necessary the Council shall elect a Chairman.

(b.) During the election of Chairman the Secretary to the Council shall preside, but shall have no vote, and ties shall be decided by lot.

(c.) The Chairman's ordinary term of office shall be one year, but no member shall be eligible for election for two years in succession.

(d.) If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the Council or resign the office of Chairman, the Council shall as soon thereafter as conveniently may be elect another member of the Council to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating Chairman.

(3.) At all meetings of the Council the Chairman, or in his absence such member of the Council as the majority of the members assembled shall choose, shall preside, and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes shall also have a casting-vote.

At all meetings of the Council five members then in office shall constitute a quorum.

(4.) Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Council shall make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh regulations for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the Council.

(5.) Minutes of the proceedings of the Council shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the Council the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Council for all purposes whatever.

7. (1.) The Council shall keep full and true accounts, in which shall be entered every sum received into and paid out of the Council Fund in the order of date of each such receipt and payment, including all moneys received from rents or profits derived from lands or other property vested in the Council or under its control or management.

(2.) The Council shall cause its accounts for the preceding calendar year to be balanced, and a true statement and account to be prepared, in the prescribed form, of the receipts and expenditure of the Council and of its assets and liabilities.

(3.) All such accounts shall be audited by the Audit Office, which, for that purpose, shall have and may exercise all such powers as it has under the Public Revenues Act, 1910, in respect of public moneys.

8. (1.) The college shall provide a course of general secondary education and one or more vocational courses.

(2.) The program of each pupil shall be determined by the principal of each college after consultation with the parents or guardian of the pupil; but no pupil shall be compelled to take Latin, or to take more than one language besides English.

(3.) The fees to be charged to those pupils of the upper school who are not holders of scholarships or free places shall be £12 12s. per annum, subject to a rebate of 4s. on each proportional one-third part of such fees on payment within one month from the date of the commencement of each term. The fees for the preparatory department shall be £8 8s. per annum.

(4.) The college year shall consist of three terms of about thirteen weeks each.

(5.) The principal of each college shall cause the college to be examined during each term; provided that such examination shall not be necessary in any term in which it is examined by some other person appointed by the Minister or the Council; and provided further that it shall not be necessary to include in such examination pupils sitting for public examinations during the term.

9. Subject to the general direction and control of the Council, the headmaster shall have the following powers with respect to the boys' college and the lady principal shall have similar powers with respect to the girls' college:—

(1.) He shall have control of the college buildings and premises, and of the apparatus and furniture thereof.

(2.) He shall have the power to recommend the appointment or dismissal of assistant teachers or of other officers of the college, and to allot their several duties; and no assistant teacher or other officer of the college shall be appointed until the headmaster has been consulted.

(3.) He shall have the power in cases of grave neglect of duty or of gross misbehaviour to suspend any assistant teacher or other officer, but shall forthwith report his action to the Chairman of the Council, who shall thereupon confirm or overrule his action until the next meeting of the Council, when the matter may be determined; but the action of the headmaster shall hold good until the Chairman or the Council has determined the matter.

(4.) He shall be supreme over the discipline, and may suspend any pupil, reporting his action to the Council at its next meeting, and the action of the headmaster shall hold good until the Council has come to some determination in regard to the matter. He shall not expel any pupil without the sanction of the Council.

(5.) He shall regulate all text-books, methods, and organization, and, subject to clause 8 hereof and to the regulations under the Education Act, he shall determine the course of study for each pupil.

10. The Council may license hostels or boardinghouses for the accommodation of pupils, and may place such hostels or boardinghouses under the charge of teachers of the college or other suitable persons, and shall provide for the inspection of such hostels or boardinghouses.

11. The college shall be open to inspection as provided by section 96 of the Education Act.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of July, 1915.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Education.

Scheme for the Control of the New Plymouth High Schools.

Education Department,

Wellington, 10th July, 1915.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter called "the Education Act"), and with the powers thereunder, I, Francis Henry Dillon Bell, acting for the Minister of Education, do hereby, on the advice of the General Council of Education, approve of the following scheme for the New Plymouth High Schools (hereinafter included in the term "the school"), which are established under the provisions of the New Plymouth High School Act, 1889.

1. The school shall be controlled by the Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") constituted by the New Plymouth High School Act, 1889, as amended by the Education Act, 1914.

2. With regard to the member of the Board to be appointed by the Education Board in accordance with the provisions of section 89 of the Education Act, the following provisions shall apply: Such member shall be appointed by a resolution of the said Education Board, and the first appointment shall be made before the 31st day of August in the year 1915, and subsequent appointments in the month of July in every second year thereafter.

3. With regard to the election of members of the Board by the parents of the pupils, the following provisions shall apply:—

(1.) The first election shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Minister before the 31st day of August in the year 1915, and every subsequent election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in the month of July in every second year thereafter.

(2.) The Secretary of the Board shall be the Returning Officer.

(3.) For the purposes of each election the Returning Officer shall prepare a roll, and shall enter therein the name, occupation, and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil of the school. The roll shall be closed at 5 o'clock on the fourteenth day next before the day on which any election is to be held, and shall continue to be closed until the election is completed.

"Parent" means the father, if he is living, or, if not, the mother, or, if neither the father nor the mother is living, the guardian, of a pupil of the school.

A "pupil of the school" means a pupil whose name is on the school roll at the close of the term preceding the closing of the roll, but does not include a pupil in any lower department.

(4.) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the Provincial District of Taranaki, publicly notify, not less than fourteen days before each election,—

- (a.) The day and hour for the closing of nominations;
- (b.) The total number of candidates to be elected;
- (c.) The day and hour for the closing of the election.