

an infectious disease of an epidemic character has been locally prevalent during that quarter to the extent of affecting 10 per cent. or more of the children on the roll of the school or department.

7. (1.) In the case of a reduction in the staff of a school, such amount shall be paid to the Board in respect of the teachers whose services are dispensed with as will enable the Board to comply with section 82 of the Education Act, 1914, or, as the case may be, with the provisions of these regulations; but, with the exceptions set forth in subclause (2) hereof, in no circumstances shall payment be made to the Board on account of the salary of any teacher for a longer period than four months after the end of the quarter in which the school ceases to be entitled to the services of such teacher if such teacher had been permanently appointed, or for a longer period than two months in any other case.

(2.) In any school in which, under the Education Act, 1914, or these regulations, a reduction in the staff is to be made, if at the beginning of any subsequent quarter it is found that the average attendance of the school for the quarter immediately preceding has increased so that the minimum average attendance of the grade or subgrade for which such staff has been provided has been reached, then, if notice to the teacher or teachers to be withdrawn has not expired, payment of the salary or salaries of the said teacher or teachers may be continued for such period as the Board may decide, being not more than four months after the beginning of the quarter first named; and so on from quarter to quarter until the 1st January next ensuing.

8. It shall be lawful for an Education Board to disregard the provisions of subsections (2) and (4) of section 78 of the Education Act, 1914, to such extent and on such conditions as the Minister of Education may decide.

9. If circumstances make it appear expedient that a temporary rearrangement of the staff of any school or department should be made, either by a reduction in the number on the staff or by the temporary appointment of a pupil-teacher or probationer to an assistant's position, or in any other manner howsoever, the Minister of Education may, if he is of opinion that such rearrangement is reasonable and necessary for the proper conduct of the school, authorize the payment to any teacher, pupil-teacher, or probationer employed in that school of an allowance in addition to his salary as remuneration in respect of the additional duties imposed on such teacher, pupil-teacher, or probationer by reason of such rearrangement of the staff, or he may authorize such temporary adjustment of the salaries of the staff as he may in the circumstances think fit: Provided that in no case shall the total salaries and allowances payable to the staff under the Education Act, 1914, at any time be exceeded.

10. Any teacher holding a permanent appointment who is required by an Education Board to fill temporarily another position as *locum tenens* for a teacher on active service or on home service may be paid such reasonable expenses of removal as may be prescribed.

## II. SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEES' INCIDENTAL EXPENSES DURING THE WAR WITH GERMANY.

1. In addition to the amount calculated in accordance with the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act, 1914, and payable to an Education Board under the provisions of paragraph (c) (iii) of subsection (1) of section 6 of that Act for the purpose of making grants to School Committees for incidental expenses, there shall during the currency of the present war with Germany be paid annually to the Board out of moneys appropriated from time to time by Parliament for the purpose a further sum calculated in accordance with the Schedule hereto for all the public schools in the education district.

2. The whole of the sum provided in accordance with the last preceding clause shall be paid by the Board to the several School Committees of the education district in accordance with the Schedule hereto, or in accordance with some other scheme approved by the Minister for the purpose, and such payments shall be available for incidental expenses in addition to the grants payable to Committees under paragraph (b) of section 36 of the Education Act, 1914.

3. The payment to each Committee shall as far as possible, and subject to any necessary adjustment, be made in one sum before the 31st March next following the allotment of the grant, and shall be based on the yearly average attendance as defined by regulations for the year in which the grant is made.