

*Amendments in the Regulations for Inspection and Syllabus of Instruction in Public Schools.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-sixth day of March, 1917.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the Education Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the amendments set out in the Schedule hereto in the regulations in force relating to Inspection and Syllabus of Instruction in Public Schools, and doth prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS FOR INSPECTION AND SYLLABUS OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CLAUSE 5 (a) thereof is hereby amended by deleting the words "1st March," and substituting therefor "1st February."

And, further, by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

"For the guidance of the Inspector and the head teacher, as well as for his own use, each teacher in charge of a class shall enter in a suitable work-book a brief outline of the work taken during each week, arranged in sections according to the different subjects dealt with. The entries should be arranged in two columns, in the first of which the matter dealt with shall be entered, and in the second any remark or note which the teacher considers necessary for his future guidance or for the information of the head teacher or Inspector."

And, further, by adding "and (h)" after "(f)."

Clause 6 is hereby amended by deleting in (f) the words "(1) Reading, (2) Spelling and writing, (3) Composition, (4) Arithmetic," and substituting therefor "(1) Reading, (2) Spelling, (3) Writing, (4) Composition (theoretical and practical), (5) Arithmetic"; and, further, by inserting in (h), after the words "by the class," the words "and of the methods followed by any assistant teacher in charge thereof."

Clause 8 is hereby amended by the addition of the words "Where the methods are not satisfactory the Inspector shall recommend more suitable methods, and shall, where necessary, take charge of the class and demonstrate to the teacher the method suggested."

Clause 10 is hereby amended by adding the words "In cases where the Inspector is satisfied with regard to the efficiency of a school or a class, the individual examination of the pupils may be omitted or reduced to a minimum. Small groups of five or ten pupils may be tested as samples of the class in the various subjects at the same time; or the head teacher may be entrusted with part of the examination conducted on lines set out by the Inspector."

Clause 13 is hereby amended by adding the words "In cases where the work of any teacher or of any school as a whole has been found unsatisfactory on the occasion of more than one visit the Inspector shall make a special report indicating his opinion as to the cause of weakness and recommending the steps necessary to improve matters."

Clause 25 (3) (ii) is hereby amended by the addition of the following:—

"(c.) In schools below Grade III, Needlework, if taken in conjunction with a satisfactory course of housecraft, shall, in the case of girls, be held to satisfy the requirements of Handwork."

Clause 17 is hereby amended as follows: The existing regulation will be known as 17 (1). To this is added—

"(2.) As far as possible candidates for S6 certificates should be examined in their own schools.

"(3.) In general, such an examination should not be held earlier than 1st October.

"(4.) In cases where it is impracticable to examine the children in the school to which they belong, the examination may be conducted in convenient centres, at which the pupils of neighbouring schools shall be required to attend.