

It is strongly urged that such visits should be made wherever possible in order to cultivate in the children an intelligent interest in many of the activities and institutions which are closely related to everyday life.

(2.) The following matters referred to in regulation 12 should receive special attention:—

*Note to Topic VI.*—When examining schemes of work Inspectors should see—

- (a.) That, particularly in the infant and lower classes, the scheme of work drawn up by the teacher does not make greater demands on the pupils than the syllabus provides for;
- (b.) That on no occasion should such essentials as accuracy of speech, intelligent reading, and accuracy in Arithmetic be neglected through over-emphasis on minor subjects or phases of work;
- (c.) That the schemes provide for proper sequence both with regard to matter and method in the work from class to class, especially in such subjects as History, Geography, Nature-study, and Drawing;
- (d.) That Drawing, Handwork, and Elementary Science are shown in the scheme to be closely related to the main subjects;
- (e.) That the general aim and method for each subject should be set out, and that mere tabulations of pages of books and items of instruction should not be accepted as a scheme of work;
- (f.) That the head teacher should show a general plan of his own work for supervising and guiding the work of the school and for dealing with the weaker subjects or classes in his school.

The Inspector should call up the scheme of work for a school a week or so before the first visit to the school, and should be prepared with criticisms and suggestions by the time of that visit, which should be devoted mainly to making sure that the school-work for the year is proceeding on sound lines.

*Note to Topic XII.*—Any neglect of rooms or premises, or any want of tidiness in the school rooms and grounds, should be the subject of severe reprimand to those concerned, while special commendation should be given to those who so affect the environment of the children as to cultivate their taste for order and beauty and to create pride in their school.

*Note on Topic XV.*—Since probationers and pupil-teachers have as a rule attended a secondary school for three years, they should have no difficulty in securing a partial pass for Class D. In any case where a pupil-teacher or probationer does not secure at least a partial pass in Class D in the Teachers' Certificate Examination at the end of his course, or where his examination status at the end of his course does not show a satisfactory advance on that reached at the beginning of such course, an explanation of such failure should be required from the head teacher by the Inspector.

F. W. FURBY,  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Validating an Irregularity in the Procedure adopted by the Council of the County of Southland to raise a Loan of £2,500 for the Purpose of constructing Drainage-works within the Titiroa Drainage District.*

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.

WHEREAS the Southland County Council, acting under and in pursuance of section sixteen (e) of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, lately proposed to raise a loan of two thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of constructing drainage-works within the Titiroa Drainage District:

And whereas the ratepayers' consent, given under section sixteen (e) aforesaid, is irregular, in that one of the subscribing ratepayers has attested the signatures of other subscribers thereto:

And whereas the said ratepayers have not been in any way misled by the said irregularity, and it is expedient that the irregularity should be validated:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and of every other power and authority enabling him in this behalf, and acting

by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the ratepayers' consent shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the signatures to the same had been properly witnessed, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

F. W. FURBY,  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Special Regulations for Deer-shooting, Waitaki.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby make the following regulations prescribing the conditions under which certain red deer may be destroyed in the Waitaki Acclimatization District.

REGULATIONS.

1. NOTWITHSTANDING anything contained in the regulations made under the Animals Protection Act, 1908, dated 14th February, 1917, the Secretary of the Waitaki Acclimatization Society at Oamaru, or any person or persons duly authorized in writing by such Secretary, may, during the period herein-after mentioned, kill red deer of either sex and of any age which, in the opinion of the said Secretary or of the said