

teachers withdrawn, or appoint another teacher or other teachers to the staff in lieu thereof; and payment of salary or salaries therefor, as the case may be, may be made accordingly, as in the case of the teacher or teachers to whom the notice given had not expired.

18. If at any time between the annual grading of public schools on the 1st February in any year and the 1st February immediately following the average attendance of a school falls below the minimum average attendance of the grade or subgrade in which the school is placed to such an extent as to satisfy the Board or the Minister that a reduction in the grade or subgrade of the school is imminent, and a position on the staff of such school thereafter becomes vacant, the grade of salary for such position as from the date of such vacancy shall be the grade of salary which would be attached to the position under clause 1 hereof if on the occurrence of the vacancy the grade or subgrade of the school were determined on the reduced average attendance.

19. Notwithstanding any other provision in these regulations, any teacher who was appointed to a position in a separate boys' school before the 1st January, 1915, shall, so long as he remains in the same position, be paid salary at a rate not lower than the rate he would have received had the salaries for all teachers in separate boys' schools been payable since the said 1st January, 1915, on the same scale as that provided since that date for mixed schools.

#### PART II.—GRADING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

20. Public schools shall be classified in the grades and subgrades specified in Schedules I and II of clause 1 hereof, provided that each subgrade above Subgrade VIIA shall be determined by each increase of forty or part of forty in average attendance.

21. It shall be the duty of the Board on the 1st February in each year to determine, according to the yearly average attendance for the year ended 31st December immediately preceding, the grade and subgrade to which every school under the control of the Board belongs.

22. If at the beginning of any quarter it appears that a school in Grade 0—that is, a school having a yearly average attendance not exceeding eight—has an average attendance for the last preceding quarter of thirteen, or for two, three, or four quarters immediately preceding of twelve, or eleven, or nine (as the case may be), the school shall be placed in Grade I.

23. Until the first annual grading of a new school under clause 21 hereof the grade and subgrade of that school shall be determined in accordance with the average attendance as follows:—

- (i.) For the period from the date of opening until the end of the quarter in which the school was opened, on the average attendance for such period;
- (ii.) For the first quarter during the whole of which the school is open, on the average attendance for that quarter; and
- (iii.) Thereafter on the mean of the quarterly average attendances for the several quarters until the 31st December next ensuing:

Provided that in any special case where the circumstances are exceptional a new school may, with the precedent approval of the Minister, be provisionally graded in a higher grade or subgrade than that in which it would be placed under the provisions of this clause, or on its first grading under the provisions of clause 21 hereof.

24. In the case of a main school from which during any year a side school has been separated, such separation shall not affect the grade of the school for that year.

25. The grade or subgrade of a district high school shall be determined in accordance with the average attendance in the primary department and the secondary department taken together.

26. Secondary departments of district high schools shall be classified in the grades specified in Schedule III of clause 1 hereof: Provided that each grade above Grade J shall be determined by each increase of thirty or part of thirty in average attendance.

27. If the yearly average attendance of the secondary department of a district high school for any year falls below twelve, such secondary department may, with the precedent approval of the Minister, be provisionally graded as a secondary department in Grade A. The Minister's approval may at any time be revoked.

28. In no case shall any school established during any year as a new district high school be placed for that year in a grade lower than that in which it would have been placed had it not been established as a district high school.