Standard VI, and shall, when accepted, enter into a bond with the Education Board to teach, if so required, for a period of two years, or alternatively to refund the amount paid him by way of allowance during his period of training.

11. Teachers and others attending a model school shall while so doing be under the control of the teacher in charge of such school. They will be expected to keep full notes of their observations, and shall undertake whatever preparation of lessons and whatever practice in teaching are required of them. A report on the work and general ability of each teacher or candidate shall be submitted to the Senior Inspector by the teacher in charge.

> F. D. THOMSON, Clerk of the Executive Council.

Education Act, 1914.—Amendment to the Regulations for Average Attendance.

JELLICOE, Governor-General. ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 20th day of December, 1920.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

I N pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the Education Act, 1914, and the amendments of that Act, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the amendment to the Regulations for Average Attendance made by Order in Council dated the twenty-second day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in lieu thereof doth make the following amendments; and doth prescribe that these amendments shall come into force on the date of the first publication of this Order in the New Zealand Gazette.

AMENDMENTS IN REGULATIONS.

1. NOTWITHSTANDING anything contained in the regulations relating to average attendance of public schools, the Minister of Education, being satisfied that infectious diseases of an epidemic character have been prevalent during the year 1920 to the extent of affecting 10 per cent. of the roll number of a large number of schools, the average of the quarter which is the highest of the four quarters of the year 1920 for any school or department shall be deemed to be the yearly average attendance for such school or department for the year 1920.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in clause 1 hereof, or contained in the regulations relating to the staffing and salaries in public schools, in any case in which the average as computed in clause 1 hereof would entitle a school or department to an assistant or assistants in addition to the staff as at the 31st day of December, 1920, the appointment of such assistant or assistants shall be provisional, and shall be terminated by the Board as from the 30th day of April, 1921, should the average of the first quarter of that year not be equal to the average yearly attendance that would entitle the school to such addition to the staff.

Further, no increase in grade of salary shall be paid to any teacher on account of the operation of the provisions of clause 1 hereof until the 1st day of April, 1921, and then only under the conditions contained herein regarding an increase of staff. If such conditions are fulfilled, the increase in grade of salary shall in each case be paid as from the 1st day of February preceding.

F. D. THOMSON,

Clerk of the Executive Council.