

(2.) For the purposes of this clause the grade of a school under the Act or under the regulations in force from the 1st January, 1919, to the 31st January, 1922, shall be deemed to be the corresponding grade under these regulations.

16. If the first female assistant in any school on the 1st January, 1919, was not appointed to the position of infant mistress in accordance with any regulations in force on that date, such assistant may, with the approval of the Minister, so long as she remains in the same school and performs the same or substantially the same duties, continue to be paid the same grade of salary as she received prior to that date.

17. 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 Act; but 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.

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 if the grade or subgrade of the school were determined on the reduced average attendance.

GRADING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

19. Public schools shall be classified in the grades and subgrades specified in Schedules I and II of clause 3 hereof.

20. 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:

Provided that a school shall not be raised to a higher grade if the Board is satisfied that the increased average attendance qualifying the school for a higher grade is not likely to be permanent.

21. If at the beginning of any quarter it appears that a school in Grade 0 has an average attendance for the last preceding quarter of twelve, or for two, three, or four quarters immediately preceding of eleven, or ten or nine (as the case may be), the school shall be placed in Grade I.

22. Until the first annual grading of a new school under clause 20 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 20 hereof.

23. 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.

24. Secondary departments of district high schools shall be classified in the grades specified in Schedule III hereof.

25. 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.