26. For the purpose of determining the grade of a school to which one or more side schools are attached, the main school and the side school or schools attached thereto shall be deemed to form one school.

27. In ascertaining the grade of a group of part-time schools the group of schools shall be treated as one school, and the average attendance shall be the combined average attendance of the group.

STAFFING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

28. (1.) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the number of teachers and of pupil-teachers in any school other than a district high school, and in the primary department of a district high school, shall be the number shown in columns 3, 4, and 6 of Schedules I and II of clause 3 hereof for the average attendance shown in column 1 of the said schedules.

(2.) The number of teachers in the secondary department of a district high school shall be the number shown in column 3 of Schedule III of clause 3 hereof for the average attendance shown in column 1 of that schedule.

(3.) On the 1st February in each year the Board shall determine the number of teachers and of pupil-teachers aforesaid in accordance with the yearly average attendance for the year ended 31st December immediately preceding.

diately preceding. 29. If at the beginning of any quarter it appears that the attendance in any school other than a district high school, or in the primary department or secondary department of any district high school, has increased so that the mean of the quarterly average attendance for the four quarters, or the three quarters, or the two quarters, or for the quarter immediately preceding, is, in the case of any such school or primary department, as high as that shown in column 2, or column 3, or column 4, or column 5, respectively, of Table A hereto, or in the case of a secondary department as high as that shown in column 2, or column 3, or column 4, or column 5, respectively, of Table B hereto, the Board may, in the case of any such school or primary department, make such addition to the staff as is required to bring the number of teachers and of pupil-teachers for that quarter up to the number prescribed for a school having the average attendance shown in column 6 of Table A; or, in the case of any such secondary depart-ment, such addition to the staff as is required to bring the number of teachers in the secondary department for that quarter up to the number prescribed for a secondary department having the average attendance shown in column 6 of Table B : Provided that in any special case of increasing attendance which appears to be not equitably provided for herein the Board may, with the precedent approval of the Minister, increase the staff of any school or department at an earlier date than that in which an increase would otherwise be authorized under this subclause.

TABLE A.

Showing Increase in Quarterly Average Attendance upon which the Staff of a School may be increased.

Average Attendance for Year immediately preceding. (1)			Average Attendance rises for				Staff to be as for School with
			Four Quarters to	Or Three Quarters to (3)	Or Two Quarters to (4)	Or One Quarter to (5)	Average
			(2)				
Less than	36	••	36	38	40	42	36-80
36-80		••	81	84	87	90	81-120
81-120	••	•••	121	125	130	135	121-160
121-160	••	••	161	165	170	175	161 - 200
161-200		••	201	208	215	220	201 - 240
201-240	••	••	241	248	255	260	241 - 280
241 - 280		••	281	288	295	300	281-320
281-320	••	••	321	328	335	340	321-360
32136 0	••	••	361	368	375	380	361-400
361-400	••	••	401	408	415	420	401-440
				on, addir grade VD.	ng 40 for e	ach subgr	ade above