

Provided further that in no case shall the period of vacation for which payment is made to a relieving teacher during any twelve months ending 31st January exceed one-fourth part of the period of actual teaching.

48. A relieving teacher who is obliged to live away from his usual place of residence in order to occupy a relieving position shall be paid the actual expenses of transit to and from the place in which he is employed, and shall also, during the period of absence, be paid an allowance at the rate of £40 per annum, and a relieving teacher who does not receive this allowance and requires to travel more than four miles daily to school shall be paid actual and reasonable travelling-expenses not exceeding £24 per annum.

49. In general, no relieving teacher shall be appointed to any position unless his services in that position are likely to be required for a period of more than one week ; and in no case, unless the circumstances are exceptional, shall a relieving teacher be appointed during the absence on leave of the teacher of a Grade 0 school or of a pupil-teacher.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

50. Subject to the limitations hereinafter provided, the Board may grant leave of absence for a period not exceeding one year to any teacher for the time being in its employment.

51. The Board may delegate to the School Committee authority to grant leave of absence on account of sickness or accident for a period not exceeding three school days. The head teacher shall forthwith report to the Board any leave so granted by the Committee.

52. Any teacher desiring to obtain leave of absence on account of illness or accident for a period in excess of three school days shall make application therefor to the Education Board of his district, and shall forward with such application a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner stating the nature of the illness or accident and the probable period of absence. The Board shall grant such leave as in its opinion is warranted by the circumstances, and it may at any time after a period of leave has been granted require the teacher to forward such further medical certificate or certificates as it may deem necessary :

Provided that in respect to any application for leave on account of illness or accident not exceeding two weeks the Board may dispense with the production of a medical certificate if such certificate cannot be obtained without undue hardship or unreasonable expense, but it shall require such other evidence to be produced in lieu thereof as it may deem necessary in the circumstances.

53. (1.) Teachers granted leave of absence on account of illness or accident may be paid salary in accordance with the following schedule :—

SCHEDULE.

Length of Service of Teacher.	Amount of Salary and Maximum Period for which Salary may be paid.
Not exceeding five years ..	Full salary for one month.
Over five years but not exceeding ten years	Full salary for one month, and half salary for one month.
Over ten years but not exceeding fifteen years	Full salary for two months.
Over fifteen years	Full salary for two months, and half salary for one month.

Provided that in any special case of hardship the Minister may approve of payment of salary in whole or in part for longer periods than are herein specified.

(2.) Leave of absence, with payment of salary under this clause, may be granted to any teacher in one or more periods, but the aggregate period of such leave shall not during a period of two years, dating from the first absence on leave, exceed the period of such leave provided for the teacher in the schedule.

(3.) The second or any subsequent period of two years shall commence on the date of the first absence on leave with payment of salary, following the date on which the previous period of two years expired.

(4.) No leave on account of illness or accident, with payment of salary, shall be granted if the necessity for leave has arisen through the misconduct of the teacher.

54. Any teacher who is a member of the Council of Education, or of the Teachers' Superannuation Board, or of a Teachers' Grading Appeal Board, or who is invited by the Education Department to attend any conference on educational matters, or who is a candidate at any examination conducted by the Education Department for teachers' certificates, or by the