Regulations under the Education Act.—Junior High Schools.

JELLICOE, Governor-General. ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 4th day of September, 1922.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the Education Act, 1914, and the amendments of that Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, 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 make the following regulations for junior high schools; and doth prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the New Zealand Gazette.

REGULATIONS.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. For the purpose of these regulations a "junior high school" means a school established to provide a three-years course of instruction for pupils who before admission are awarded the qualifying certificate in accordance with these regulations.

2. With the approval of the Minister an Education Board may establish a junior high school or schools in its district, and may limit the instruction given in the neighbouring public schools to the work prescribed for Standard IV and lower classes, the pupils of the higher classes being transferred to the junior high school. A school so established shall be administered and controlled in accordance with the regulations hereunder.

3. The number of junior high schools to be established during the years 1922 and 1923 shall not exceed four, and shall include one such school in one of the four chief cities of the Dominion, at least one in a town of approximately ten thousand inhabitants, and at least one established as a development of the secondary department of an existing district high school.

4. In order to obtain a qualifying certificate a pupil must fulfil the requirements for a certificate of competency of Standard IV as prescribed in the public-school syllabus.

5. If the parent of a pupil in a class of a public school which is transferred to a junior high school objects to the transfer of his child to the latter school, the Board shall arrange for the admission of such pupil to another public school.

6. If the accommodation in a junior high school permits, approved pupils of Standards V and VI may be admitted to the junior high school from any neighbouring school other than those from which Standards V and VI have been transferred.

7. (i.) The staff of a junior high school with a roll number of 600 or more shall consist of a principal, together with not more than two assistants of Grade 11, and not more than four assistants of Grade 10, together with such number of assistants of Grade 9 as would provide one assistant for each forty pupils on the roll at the opening of the school year or on the 1st March in any school year. The staffs of other schools shall be determined by the Minister after consulting the Board.

(ii.) Half the number of assistants shall in general be men and half women; provided that the numbers of men and women may be modified in order either to make the proportion of men and women more nearly equal to the proportion of boys and girls attending the school, or under special circumstances to meet the requirements of the school.

(iii.) When it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that the attendance has increased or decreased so as to warrant a modification of the staff provided in subclause (i) hereof, such steps shall be taken to appoint additional assistants, or to reduce the staff, as he may after consulting the Board decide.

8. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, arrange for the employment in junior high schools of instructors in special subjects, such as manual work, domestic science, agriculture, and artwork, and the staffing arrangements prescribed in clause 7 hereof may be modified accordingly.

9. (i.) The salaries of the teachers shall be as follows:— Principals: Schools with a roll number of over 600, £650-£700, with £60 house allowance; other schools, salary to be fixed by the Minister.

Assistants: Grade 11 — men, £450-£500; women, £360-£400. Grade 10—men, £400-£440; women, £320-£350. Grade 9—men, £350-£390; women, £280-£310.