

*Education Act, 1914.—Regulations relating to Pupil-teachers and Probationers.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

## ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 12th day of January, 1925.

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 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 revoke the regulations at present in force relating to pupil-teachers and probationers, and in lieu thereof doth make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto; and, with the like advice and consent, doth prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

## SCHEDULE.

## EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND EXAMINATION OF PUPIL-TEACHERS AND PROBATIONERS.

1. (1.) As soon as practicable after the commencement of each year the Board shall proceed to make appointments of probationers and pupil-teachers in accordance with these regulations: Provided that all vacancies for pupil-teachers shall be filled before any probationers are appointed.

(2.) The most suitable candidates shall be selected irrespective of their place of residence, and every candidate so selected shall be appointed as far as possible to the school nearest his place of residence.

(3.) Probationers and pupil-teachers may, at the Board's discretion, be transferred from one school to another within the district, and may, with the approval of the Director, be transferred from one education district to another.

2. The number of probationers that may be appointed each year in any education district shall be such as is determined from time to time by the Minister. No probationer shall be appointed to a school below Grade II; not more than four probationers shall be appointed in any year to the same school; and, in general, not less than one-half of the probationers selected in any year shall be appointed to schools of Grades II, III, and IV.

3. (1.) All candidates for employment as pupil-teachers or probationers must have qualified—

(a.) By obtaining a higher leaving certificate; or

(b.) By passing the Matriculation Examination of any British university, or by gaining a lower leaving certificate; or

(c.) By obtaining a pass in Group I in the Teachers' Class D Certificate Examination; or

(d.) By obtaining some other qualification that is in the opinion of the Director of Education equivalent to any of the above:

Provided that candidates possessing the lower qualifications heretofore prescribed may be appointed on or before the 1st July, 1925.

(2.) In selecting candidates for appointment as pupil-teachers or probationers, other things being equal, preference shall be given to candidates qualified under (a), (b), (c), and (d) as above, in the order named.

4. (1.) Each candidate for appointment as probationer or pupil-teacher shall forward to the Board with his application—(a) Satisfactory proof that he has reached the age of sixteen years; (b) a certificate from the head teacher of the school last attended, or from an Inspector of Schools, testifying to his moral character, good health, and general fitness for the position of probationer or pupil-teacher.

(2.) No one shall be appointed as a probationer or pupil-teacher until he has been examined by a school medical officer and reported by him to be of sound health and good constitution, and free from all physical defects as are incompatible with efficiency in teaching: Provided that where this is impracticable an examination by a private medical practitioner may, with the approval of the Director, be accepted in lieu of an examination by a school medical officer:

Provided further that a candidate may be accepted for appointment if the physical defect disclosed by the medical report is not of such a nature as in the opinion of the Minister should debar appointment.

5. (1.) Subject to any modification hereinafter made, the term of service of a probationer or pupil-teacher shall be one year: Provided that in the case of those appointed prior to 1st July, 1925, the term of service shall be two years.