

Scheme for the Control of Hastings High School.

Education Department,
Wellington, 26th June, 1926.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter called "the Education Act"), and with the powers thereunder, I Robert Alexander Wright, Minister of Education, do hereby, on the advice of the General Council of Education, approve of the following scheme for the Hastings High School (hereinafter called "the school"), which is to be established under section 88 of the Education Act, 1914.

1. The school shall be controlled by a Board of Governors, under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Hastings High School" (hereinafter called "the Board"). The Board shall under that name be a body corporate, as provided in section 91 of the Education Act.

2. (1.) There shall be nine members of the Board, who shall be appointed or elected in the manner following, namely:—

- (a.) A group of two members appointed by the Governor-General;
- (b.) A group of three members appointed by the Education Board of the district;
- (c.) A group of three members elected by the parents of the pupils;
- (d.) One member appointed by the Hastings Borough Council.

(2.) The ordinary term of office of members appointed under paragraphs (a) and (d) of subclause (1) hereof shall be two years, and the ordinary term of office of members appointed or elected under paragraphs (b) and (c) of subclause (1) hereof shall be three years; but every member shall hold office until the appointment or election of his successor.

3. (1.) The members appointed by the Education Board shall be appointed by a resolution of such Board.

(2.) The member appointed by the Hastings Borough Council shall be appointed by a resolution of the Council.

4. In regard to the election of members of the Board by the parents of the pupils, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) Every such election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in accordance with this scheme.
- (2.) The Secretary of the Board shall be the Returning Officer.
- (3.) For the purposes of each election the Returning Officer shall prepare a roll, and shall enter therein the name, occupation, and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil of the school. The roll shall be closed at 5 o'clock on the fourteenth day next before the day on which any election is to be held, and shall continue to be closed until the election is completed.

"Parent" means the father and the mother of a pupil of the school.

A "pupil of the school" means a pupil whose name is on the school roll, but does not include a pupil in any lower department.

- (4.) The "Returning Officer shall by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district, publicly notify, not less than fourteen days before each election,—

(a.) The day and hour for the closing of nominations.

(b.) The total number of candidates to be elected;

(c.) The day and hour for the closing of the election.

- (5.) Every candidate shall be nominated in writing by one or more parents entitled to vote for his election.

Each such parent may nominate any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

- (6.) Every nomination-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

I, [Name and address], being a parent duly entered on the roll, do hereby nominate [Name and address] as a candidate for election to the Board of Governors of the Hastings High School at the election to be held on the day of 19 .

Dated this day of 19 .
[Signature of nominator.]

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT [to be subscribed at foot of nomination-paper.]

I hereby consent to my nomination.

[Signature of candidate nominated.]

- (7.) If the nomination-paper does not bear the written consent of the candidate nominated, such consent may be given by him to the Returning Officer before the nominations are closed, and every nomination-paper shall be void in so far as concerns any candidate whose written consent is not duly given as aforesaid

- (8.) Nominations shall close at noon on the tenth day before the day of the election.

- (9.) If the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the candidate or candidates so nominated to be duly elected. In all other cases he shall, as soon as the nominations are closed, prepare and post to each elector at his address as appearing on the roll a printed voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a list of all the duly nominated candidates for whom such parent is entitled to vote; and such voting-paper shall bear the number of the voter on the roll and be in the form or to the effect following:—

Consecutive Number: .

VOTING-PAPER FOR USE AT ELECTION TO BE HELD
ON THE DAY OF , 19 , OF
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL.

CANDIDATES.

[Set out in alphabetical order of surnames the full name of every duly nominated candidate.]

DIRECTIONS.

The number of candidates to be elected is [Specify the number].

The voter must draw a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote.

The number of candidates whose names are left uncanceled must not exceed the total number of candidates to be elected.

This voting-paper must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside thereof the words "Voting-paper," and if posted to the Returning Officer must be posted on or before the day of election, or, if delivered to him, shall be delivered at his office, Street, , before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

- (10.) The poll shall close at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the day of the election; but all voting-papers shall be included and counted which are not informal and are received by the Returning Officer in due course of post before the close of the third day after the day of the election.

- (11.) A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say,—

(a.) If the elector votes more than once at the same election;

(b.) If the candidates whose names are left uncanceled exceed in number the total number of candidates for whom the person is entitled to vote, or if in any other way the paper fails to indicate clearly for whom the vote is intended to be given; or

(c.) If, being delivered to the Returning Officer, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll; or

(d.) If, having been forwarded by post, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not received at the office of the Returning Officer before the close of the third day after the day of election, or if, from the post-mark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.

- (12.) On the seventh day after the day of election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all voting-papers duly delivered to him or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidates (not exceeding the total number to be elected) who have received the greatest number of votes, and shall declare such candidates to be elected.

- (13.) If, by reason of an equality of votes given for two or more candidates, the election is not complete, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot, in the presence of two members of the Board, which candidate or candidates shall be elected, and thereby complete the election.

- (14.) (a.) Each candidate may, by writing under his hand, appoint one scrutineer, who may be present at the examination of the voting-papers and the counting of the votes by the Returning Officer.

(b.) The Returning Officer shall, immediately after counting the votes, seal up all voting-papers, and transmit the whole to the Clerk of the nearest Magistrate's Court, who shall keep the same for six