

months thereafter, and shall not open or permit to be opened such packet except on the order of some Court of competent jurisdiction, and shall at the end of six months effectually destroy the same.

(c.) Forthwith after the completion of the election the Returning Officer shall, by notice exhibited on the outside of the office of the Board and by advertisement in a newspaper published in the district, notify the names of the persons elected, the number of valid votes recorded for each candidate, and the total number of votes rejected as informal, and shall notify to the Board and to the Minister the names of the persons elected.

(d.) The Returning Officer and every scrutineer shall be required faithfully and impartially to perform the duties of their offices, and shall not directly or indirectly make known the state of the poll or give or pretend to give any information by which the state of the poll may be known before the final declaration thereof by the Returning Officer, or make known for which candidate any voter has voted, or communicate to any person any information likely to defeat the secrecy of the ballot.

(15.) If any dispute or question arises touching the regularity of any election, such dispute or question shall be determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate in manner provided by sections 45 to 54 of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, all the provisions of which shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.

5. (1.) One member out of each of the groups (a) and (b) of subclause (1) of clause 2 hereof shall retire on the 31st March in each year, and the member so to retire shall be the one who has been longest in office since his last appointment or election: Provided that where any question arises as to which member shall retire the same shall be decided by lot among those members who have been served longest without re-election in such manner as the Board shall determine.

(2.) On the 31st March in the year 1929, and in every third year thereafter, the members elected under paragraph (c) of the said clause shall retire.

(3.) On the 31st March in the year 1928, and in every second year thereafter, the member appointed under paragraph (d) of the said clause shall retire.

6. Retiring members shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election.

7. (1.) A casual vacancy shall be created in the same way and for the same causes as are set out in section 20 of the Education Act in the case of members of an Education Board.

(2.) Every casual vacancy shall be filled in the same manner and by the same appointing or electing authority as in the case of the vacating member; provided that the member appointed or elected shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

(3.) Whenever a casual vacancy occurs it shall be the duty of the Board forthwith to report the fact to the Minister if the vacancy is to be filled by the Governor-General, or to the Secretary to the Education Board if the vacancy is to be filled by that Board, or to the Town Clerk in the case of a member to be appointed by the Hastings Borough Council.

8. (1.) The appointment or election of a member to fill a vacancy caused by the expiry of the ordinary term of office shall be made in the first week of the month of March at the end whereof such expiry takes place, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, but shall not take effect until such expiry.

(2.) The appointment or election of a member to fill a casual vacancy shall be made not later than fifty days after the vacancy occurs.

9. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in the month of April or May in each year, at such time and place as the Board shall direct.

10. From time to time as may be necessary the Board shall appoint a secretary, who may be paid such reasonable remuneration as the Board determines, and shall appoint him or some other person with authority to receive and to pay moneys on its account. The Board shall in each case forthwith inform the Minister of such appointment.

11. (1.) At the annual meeting and at such other times as may be necessary the Board shall elect a Chairman.

(2.) During the election of Chairman the Secretary to the Board shall preside. The person presiding shall have no vote; ties shall be decided by lot.

(3.) The Chairman's ordinary term of office shall be one year, and he shall be eligible for re-election.

(4.) If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the Board or resign the office of Chairman, the Board shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office only until the next annual meeting.

12. At all meetings of the Board the Chairman, or in his absence such member of the Board as the majority of the

members assembled shall choose, shall preside, and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes also shall have a casting-vote.

At all meetings of the Board a majority of all the members then in office shall constitute a quorum.

13. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Board shall make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, or amend, regulations for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the Board.

14. Minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the Board the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatever.

15. (1.) The Board shall keep full and true accounts, in which shall be entered every sum received into and paid out of the Board fund in the order of date of each such receipt and payment, including all moneys received from rents or profits derived from lands or other property vested in the Board or under its control or management.

(2.) The Board shall cause its accounts for the preceding calendar year to be balanced, and a true statement and account to be prepared, in the prescribed form, of the receipts and expenditure of the Board and of its assets and liabilities.

(3.) All such accounts shall be audited by the Audit Office, which for that purpose shall have and may exercise all such powers as it has under the Public Revenues Act, 1910, in respect of public moneys.

16. All things required by the Education Act or this scheme to be done by the Board shall be done in accordance with and in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board, and no Act of the Board shall be invalid or liable to be questioned on the ground that one or more than one of the members thereof was or were incapacitated, or had ceased to hold office, or on the ground that the seat of any member was vacant.

17. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, and of the Education Act and regulations thereunder, there shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the Hastings High School, and also the entire superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property thereof, with full power to appoint and suspend or dismiss all masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other necessary officers and servants; and in all cases unprovided for by the Education Act, and the regulations thereunder, or by this scheme, it shall be lawful for the Board to act in such manner as shall appear to it best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of such school; and the Board shall, subject to the Education Act and the regulations thereunder and to this scheme, have full power from time to time to make, alter, and rescind by-laws and regulations for defining the courses of study and education in the school, and also for regulating the discipline and examination of the same, the conditions upon which the scholars shall be admitted, and, in general, touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the school.

18. (1.) The school shall provide a general course of secondary education and one or more vocational courses.

(2.) The programme of each pupil shall be determined by the headmaster of the school after consultation with the parents or guardian of the pupil; but in all cases the programme of each girl shall include adequate instruction in elementary domestic science and hygiene, and in one or more of the domestic arts extending in general over not less than two years of the secondary course provided. No pupils shall be compelled to take Latin or to take more than one language besides English.

(3.) The school year shall consist of three terms of about thirteen weeks each and in each calendar year the school shall be open for not less than three hundred and eighty-five half-days, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that its closing is necessary owing to the prevalence of epidemics or other sufficient cause.

(4.) The headmaster shall cause the school to be examined during each term; provided that it shall not be necessary for the school to be so examined in any term in which it is examined by some other person appointed by the Minister or the Board; and provided further that it shall not be necessary to include in such examination pupils sitting for public examinations during the term.

19. Subject to the general direction of the Board, the headmaster shall have the following powers:—

(1.) He shall have control of the school buildings and premises, and of the apparatus and furniture thereof.

(2.) He shall have the power to recommend the appointment or dismissal of assistant teachers or of other