

instruction for a year in Form III of a junior high school, the junior free place at a secondary school or technical high school shall be tenable for one year only, and at a district high school for two years only, from the 1st January preceding the date of admission as a free pupil, provided that in the case of a holder who was under the age of fourteen years on the 1st December preceding such date of admission the tenure of the free place may, on the recommendation of the Principal of the school, be extended for a further year."

(3) By deleting subclause (4).

4. Clause 6B is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

"6B. The technical high school shall give to each holder of a junior free place instruction in—

- (i) English as for the Intermediate Examination, or commercial English, including in either case the general study of selected standard works in both prose and verse, reading and recitation, handwriting, composition (both oral and written). The cultivation of correct habits of speech and of facility of expression, both oral and written, must receive special attention.
- (ii) History and civics, as for the intermediate examination, with special reference to such parts of the prescription for the intermediate examination as are most closely related to the other subjects of the particular course taken by the pupil, and to the rights and duties of citizens; the subject being so treated as to develop a sense of responsibility with regard to social service in both work and leisure.
- (iii) Arithmetic (including household accounts in the case of girls) or elementary mathematics as prescribed for the intermediate examination or practical mathematics or commercial or actuarial arithmetic.
- (iv) Any appropriate branch of free or instrumental drawing.
- (v) Physical training, including, where possible, instruction in swimming and life-saving.

The instruction referred to in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) must be given regularly throughout the year for not less than three units in the case of (i); one and a half units in the case of (ii), three units in the case of (iii), two units in the case of (iv), and one unit in the case of (v).

In addition, the pupil must also take at the technical high school a vocational course, approved by the Minister, having a direct bearing on industrial, agricultural, domestic, or commercial pursuits, or, with the approval of the Minister previously obtained, a vocational course of a general character in preparation for one or other of the public examinations. The total time given to the instruction in a year must not, with the time given to the subjects enumerated in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) hereof, be less than twenty units: Provided that during the tenure of her junior free place every girl shall take not less than three units each year of an approved course in home science—namely, an elementary course in general science bearing on the home, and in household economics and hygiene, together with one or more of the following subjects: Plain cookery, laundry-work, needlecraft and garment-making, home nursing.

5. Clause 7 (a) is hereby amended by deleting the proviso thereto.

6. Clause 10 (i) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "shall not be held to apply," the words "and that a pupil may omit either history or a subject from Group IV, but not both."

7. Clause 14 is hereby amended by adding the following subclause after subclause (iv):—

- "(v) A pupil who, prior to entry upon a free place, has completed a course of instruction in Form III of a junior high school and who is qualified to enter upon a free place at a secondary school, district high school, technical high school, or technical school shall do so at the beginning of the school year immediately following that in which his junior-high-school course was completed, and for the purposes of subclause (ii) hereof the pupil's course in Form III of the junior high school shall be reckoned as forming a part of a junior-free-place course."

V. MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The regulations relating to manual and technical instruction made by Order in Council dated 20th November, 1925, are hereby amended as follows:—

1. Clause 38 is hereby amended by deleting from subclause (e) the words "as may be payable under the Act or regulations" and by substituting therefor the words "as the Minister may direct."

2. Clause 57 (iii) is hereby deleted.