

simple uniform and provided with light rifles. Arrangements should also be made for taking battalion drill.

27. Mr. LEE to move, That in schools of good record any head-teacher may frame his own scheme of work within the lines of the prescribed standards, such scheme to be approved of by an Inspector.
28. Mr. SPENCER to move, That, in view of the fact that this Conference has recommended the abolition of the individual pass below Standard VI., it be recommended also that the department make provision for the issuing of certificates of competency to candidates for positions in the public service.
29. Mr. CROWE to move, That a code of instructions, similar to that in use in England, be issued by the department for the guidance of Inspectors.

SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS.

1. Mr. HILL to move, That the capitation allowance of 1s. 6d., estimated on the average attendance, for the promotion of scholarships to pupils attending the public schools, be increased to 2s.
2. Dr. SMYTH to move, That there should be two classes of scholarships granted by Education Boards, junior and senior, each tenable for two years: that the basis of examination for the junior be Standard VI., and the age fourteen; and the basis for the senior be on the lines of matriculation, and the age sixteen.

PUPIL-TEACHER REGULATIONS.

1. Mr. SMITH to move, That, in the opinion of this Conference, the examination and classification of pupil-teachers should be uniform throughout the colony, and should be undertaken by the department.
2. Dr. SMYTH to move, That the syllabus of instruction for pupil-teachers throughout the colony be so drawn up that the examination for the last year be the matriculation examination, or that for Class D; and that any pupil-teacher who has passed matriculation before entering the service, or who passes it during his course, be not required to present himself for the pupil-teachers' examination (except in school method), if he first complete his D certificate, and thereafter gives evidence that he is keeping terms at a university college.
3. Mr. BRAIK to move, That in each educational district there be facilities afforded for the training of pupil-teachers in manual work, and in the principles of their profession; or, alternately, that provision be made by means of scholarships whereby pupil-teachers on completing their practical course may be enabled to proceed to the nearest training-college; or, if not, then that the pupil-teacher system be gradually abolished, and the Continental system of training teachers introduced.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

1. Mr. GOYEN to move, That Division I. be not given to teachers who have not shown skill in managing schools.
2. Mr. SPENCER to move, That in the teachers' E and D certificate examinations different papers be set in school management; the paper for E to have a direct bearing on practical class and school management, and the paper for D, while containing questions as for E, to deal generally with the theory of education, and to contain questions on those fundamental principles of psychology which have direct bearing on education.
3. Mr. BAKEWELL to move, That the present system of classification of teachers be simplified (*a*) by the abolition of A and B certificates; (*b*) by the reduction to three, of the five divisions of each of the remaining classes.
4. Mr. HILL to move, That teachers' certificates deal with class only, and that divisions of the class as at present recognised be abolished.
5. Mr. PETRIE to move, That the Minister be asked to establish a special examination and issue a special diploma or certificate to teachers who show a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of each of the following subjects: Singing, drawing, physiology and general science, physiology and domestic economy, agricultural science, and military drill.

CONTINUATION SCHOOLS.

1. Mr. GOYEN to move: Standard VII.: That, when practicable, in the large centres of population, the pupils of this standard shall be taught in one central school, which shall be called a day continuation school, and the capitation allowance for such pupils shall be double that for pupils of classes P to Standard VI.; the aim of Standard VII., or of the continuation school, shall be to provide for: (1.) A continuation and completion of the subjects of Standard VI. (2.) A practical acquaintance with such branches of knowledge—literary, general, and scientific—as bears directly on the occupations of life in which the pupils will ultimately become engaged. (3.) Such general hand-and-eye training and workshop practice as will tend to induce habits of manual industry, increase dexterity, and develop artistic taste. The curriculum for such pupils shall in all cases make provision for adequate instruction in English, arithmetic, history, geography, and drawing, and all such other subjects as the circumstances of the district render desirable or necessary.
2. Mr. PETRIE to move, That the Minister be asked to provide for the establishment of one or more evening continuation schools in all the large centres of population in the colony, such schools to be open to all young persons who have passed the Fourth or Fifth Standards, as the Minister may see fit.