

CIRCULARS.

(Circular.)

Education Department, Wellington, 15th May, 1902.

The Secretary to the Education Board,—

WITH reference to the question of making provision for relieving teachers, I am directed to inform you that the Government has decided—

1. To refund to Boards, on approved claims, the amounts paid or payable to relieving-teachers for services rendered during the period from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1902.

2. To make to Boards from the 1st April, 1902, until the question is settled by the Legislature, a capitation allowance of sixpence (6d.) on average attendance, for the purpose of enabling them to make provision for such teachers.

At your convenience please submit your claim on account of the first quarter of the year as above. It should contain full details, showing more particularly—(1) the period during which the relieving-teacher was employed, (2) the amount of the salary paid, and (3) the salary, if any, paid to the teacher relieved.

E. O. GIBBES, Assistant Secretary.

(Circular Memorandum.)

Education Department, Wellington 28th May, 1902.

The Secretary to the Education Board,—

THE Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII. takes place on the 26th proximo, and the Government have under consideration the matter of making arrangements for the due observance of the event in the colony. It has been announced that His Majesty has expressed a wish that the school-children at Home should have a week's holiday, and the Minister proposes for the consideration of Education Boards that in honour of the memorable occasion they should give an extra week's vacation to the schools under their control, beginning on the day of coronation. The Minister would be exceedingly glad if your Board would adopt this proposal; and he hopes, from the fact that the usual mid-winter vacation falls about the end of June that little or no interruption of school-work will take place.

G. HOGBEN, Secretary.

(Circular.)

Education Department, Wellington, 7th June, 1902.

The Secretary to the Education Board,—

I AM directed by the Minister of Education to inform you that Major L. W. Loveday has been appointed to command the public-school cadets of the colony, and to ask your Board to give this officer every assistance to carry out his duties.

I send you some copies of the regulations relating to cadet corps, and will let you have what further copies you require for distribution among officers of corps.

To enable the Minister to recognise the various public-school cadet corps in your district in terms of paragraph 6 of the regulations, I shall be glad if you will supply me with a list of the corps, giving the names of the officers for appointment by the Minister in terms of paragraph 10 of the regulations, and the proposed strength of each corps. As soon as the corps is recognised the requisite number of model and miniature rifles will be supplied for its use.

The Minister will be prepared, generally speaking, to recognise officers holding appointments in school cadet corps previously in existence.

Forms of return relating to this subject will be sent to you shortly.

G. HOGBEN, Secretary for Education.

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Education Department, Wellington, 22nd July, 1902.

The Secretary of the Education Board,—

SIR,—Referring to paragraph 24 of the Public-school Cadet Regulations, I am directed by the Minister of Education to suggest to your Board whether it would not be desirable to adopt similar uniforms for all the corps in your district subject to conditions:—(1) That where corps are already provided with different uniforms otherwise suitable any change should be postponed for the present; (2) that no corps should be compelled to provide its members with uniforms. The Minister suggests the uniform described in the attached slip as one that might be regarded as suitable for public-school cadet corps. In the event of your Board approving of the suggestion contained herein, I enclose a number of slips for issue to officers commanding corps and detachments.

G. HOGBEN, Secretary.

(Enclosure.)

UNIFORMS (IF WORN).

For Officers.

FROCK.—Blue cloth with stand-up collar; plain cuffs; shoulder-straps of same material as frock; rank-badges in metal; a patch-pocket on each breast; brass button on each pocket and shoulders; five brass buttons down front of frock; buttons to bear the same design as cap-badge.

TROUSERS.—Of the same material as frock; $\frac{1}{4}$ in. scarlet welt down outside seam.

For Rank and File.

Blue-woollen jersey, blue-cloth knickerbockers, and blue stockings.

HEAD-DRESS (for all ranks).—Glengarry cap, with diced border.

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