RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF INSPECTORS.

Wellington, September, 1905.

3. As some of the Boards have already drawn up their scholarship and pupil-teacher regulations, it is inexpedient that any change should be made in them at present.

4. It is inexpedient that any considerable portion of the tuition of training-college students

should be given by members of the normal-school teaching staff.

4. Pupil-teachers who have passed the "second examination," whether by taking the Matriculation Examination or the examination for a teacher's certificate of Class D, should be reckoned qualified for admission to a training college.

4. It is desirable that the instruction in school method at training colleges should be given by

the principal.

8. The syllabus of work at district high schools will need to be adapted to the needs and circumstances of the localities in which the schools are situated.

8. In general, the Minister's new Bill seems to make adequate provision for the carrying on of district high schools, but in schools having an attendance between fifty-one and seventy a

more liberal provision for salaries is desirable.

- 8. That the payments on account of salaries for the secondary departments of district high schools should be made to the Board, on the condition that the Board, with the consent of the Minister, may make such an allocation of salaries to different members of the staff as shall best suit the circumstances of each district high school.
- 13. On this topic the Inspectors have no recommendation to make.
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D. PETRIE, Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

THE committee to whom was referred the motion proposed by Mr. Gray, and that portion of the

Education Act Amendment Bill referring to teachers' salaries, report as follows:—
Your committee cannot fail to recognise that the proposals in the Bill are a great advance on the provisions at present in force, and for that reason would be sorry to recommend any step likely to imperil the passage of that measure. Still, the measure can only be a tentative one, and the committee would like to formulate the following conclusions arrived at:—

1. In regard to the proviso to clause 16, it is suggested that its efficiency would be increased if power were given to the Boards to transfer or exchange teachers when they think it advisable in

the interests of the schools affected.

2. In the schedule, the salary attached to the hardest schools to teach-grade 4, average attendance thirty-three to forty-which is only equal to that proposed for fourth assistant in grade 22, is too low.

3. In clause (h) of the schedule it is recommended that the 10 per cent. reduction should

not apply to head teachers' salaries below £100 or assistants' salaries under £85.

4. While recognising the many merits of the proposed schedule, the committee is of opinion that it is desirable special provision should be made for the recognition of efficiency and length of service, apart from promotion from school to school, although it is believed this could be done without increasing the cost to the State, by discriminating between salaries paid in the same position to teachers of different attainments and abilities.

FRED. PIRANI, Chairman.

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