

determined may be afforded opportunities for further education. (b.) That boarding-allowances be provided for all holders of free places who are obliged to live away from home, provided that a grant not exceeding £5 per annum may be paid to free-place holders who are not obliged to live away from home. (c.) That Inspectors of Schools be empowered to nominate for junior free places a certain proportion of pupils in schools below Grade IV, to whom during the year certificates of proficiency have been awarded.

2. This committee has no recommendation to make on the remit "Scholarships and free places" referred to it by the committee set up to deal with the report of the Education Commission.

3. That in each case where a winner of a State scholarship applies for permission to hold such a scholarship in a private secondary school, the Education Department be the authority to decide whether the private secondary school in question is educationally equivalent to the State secondary school which such scholarship winner could reasonably be expected to attend.

E. K. MULGAN, Convener.

Clause (a) was amended and passed as follows: "That competition for Education Board Scholarships and for Junior National Scholarships should be abolished."

1. (b.) "That boarding-allowances be provided for all holders of free places who are obliged to live away from home, provided that a refund of the amount expended in books may be made in necessitous cases at the discretion of the Education Board."—Carried.

2. "This committee has no recommendation to make on the remit 'Scholarships and free places' referred to it by the committee set up to deal with the report of the Education Commission."—Carried.

The report as amended was adopted.

Report of Committee on Education Commission.

Your committee, having considered the report of the Royal Commission on Education, begs to report as follows:—

The committee considers that certain topics are of such outstanding importance as to warrant their consideration either by special committees or by the Conference as a whole.

- I. The Council of Education Commission's Report.
The Council of Education Minority Report.
- II. Redistribution of Education Districts.
- X. Grading and Promotion of Teachers.
- XVI. The Syllabus.
- XVII. The Kindergarten.
- XVIII. Education of Girls.
Sex Physiology.
The Trend of Education.
- XX. School Buildings and Playgrounds.
- XXI. Consolidation of Schools.
- III. Those questions dealing with School Boards.
- IV. School Committees.
- V. Inspectorate under the Commission's Proposal, the Cost of Education, and Rewards for Zeal should also be left to the Conference as a whole.

The committee considers that the following should be referred to committees already appointed:—

To the Manual and Technical Committee the following:—

- XI. Manual and Technical Instruction (p. 14.)
- XII. Continuation Classes (p. 15).
- XXIX. Street Trading by Children (p. 23).
- XV. Agricultural Education (p. 16).

To the Scholarship Committee the following:—

- XIX. Scholarships and Free Places (p. 20).

To the Training Committee:—

- VII. Training of Teachers (p. 13).
- XXVI. Correspondence Schools (p. 23).
- XIV. Demilitarization of Junior Cadets (p. 16):

To the Staffs and Salaries and Attendance Committee:—

- VIII. Teachers' Salaries (p. 13).
- IX. Staffing of Schools (p. 13).
- XXII. Facilities for Attendance (p. 22).
- XXVII. Superannuation (p. 23).
- XXVIII. Compulsory Attendance (p. 23).

To the Miscellaneous Committee:—

- XXV. Private Schools (p. 23).
- XIII. Overlapping (p. 15).
- XXIII. Free Books (p. 22).

GEO. D. BRAIK, Convener.

Interim Report, Staffs and Salaries Committee.

1. *Mr. Richardson's Motion, No. 1.*—That the time has arrived when the scale of salaries for teachers should be revised, with a view to placing them more in line with those paid in other branches of the Public Service; that a teacher's salary should increase by regular increments to a fixed minimum of, say, £240 for men and £180 for women; and that the maximum salary for Grade 10 be £500.—Carried.