

No. X.

EDUCATION.

AN ORDINANCE for promoting the Education of Youth in the Colony of New Zealand. [7th October, 1847.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is fitting that provision be made for promoting the education of youth in the Colony of New Zealand:

BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Schools to be supported by public funds.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being, with the advice of the Executive Council, out of the public funds of the Colony, to establish and maintain schools for the education of youth, and to contribute towards the support of schools otherwise established, as he shall from time to time see occasion.

And to be subject to inspection.

2. Every such school shall be subject to inspection in manner hereinafter provided.

Nature of the education to be given.

3. In every school to be established or supported by public funds under the provisions of this Ordinance, religious education, industrial training, and instruction in the English language shall form a necessary part of the system to be pursued therein; but in order to provide for the instruction of the children of parents dissenting from the religious doctrines to be taught in any such school, such children as shall attend the same as day-scholars only may, upon application to be made in that behalf by their parents or guardians, be taught therein without being instructed in the doctrines of religion.

General superintendence.

4. Every such school shall be placed under the superintendence and management of such one of the persons named or referred to in the Schedule hereunto annexed as the Governor, with the advice of the

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the Executive Council, shall in the case of each such school especially direct.

5. The teachers of every such school shall be appointed by the person under whose superintendence and management the same shall respectively be placed as aforesaid, and shall be removable by him at pleasure.

Appointment of teachers.

6. In order to secure the efficiency of schools to be supported by public funds, every such school shall be inspected once at least in every year by an Inspector or Inspectors to be for that purpose appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

Schools to be inspected yearly.

7. As soon as conveniently may be after the inspection of any such schools, such Inspector or Inspectors shall make a report in writing to the Governor for the time being, setting forth the name or description of such school, the number of children educated therein, the funds out of which the same may be supported and the amount thereof respectively, the salaries paid to the teachers thereof, and the yearly cost incurred for the support and education of each pupil maintained therein, and shall also report upon the discipline and management of the school, the nature and extent of the industrial instruction pursued therein, the attainments of the children, and the state of the school generally as regards its efficiency.

And report to be made.

8. As soon as the several schools which may be supported under the provisions of this Ordinance shall have been inspected as aforesaid, the whole of the reports relating thereto shall be together laid before the Colonial Legislature if the said Legislature shall be then in Session, and if not then within one calendar month next after the commencement of the then next ensuing Session.

All the reports to be published at the same time.

9. Provided always and be it further enacted, That the whole amount of the sums to be advanced under the authority of this Ordinance in any one year shall not exceed one twentieth part of the estimated revenue of the Colony or Province as the case may be for such year.

Amount of aid from public funds how limited.

10. In the construction of this Ordinance the word "Governor" shall be taken to mean the Lieutenant-Governor or the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony for the time being.

Interpretation.

SCHEDULE.

The Bishop of New Zealand.

The Bishop or other the head of the Roman Catholic Church in the Colony of New Zealand.

The Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission.

The Head or Minister of any other Religious Body who shall have engaged in the education of youth in the Colony of New Zealand.
