

Hon. Mr. Reeves.

ENDOWED SCHOOLS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for Free Tuition in Endowed Schools. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Endowed Schools Act, 1893." Short Title.

10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
"Endowed school" means any school or college wholly or partly maintained by the income arising from any land or money granted or secured to the governing body of the school out of the public estate of the colony, or of any former province thereof, or out of the estates of the former New Zealand Company or the Canterbury Association, or out of the Nelson Trust Funds; but does not include any institution affiliated to the University of New Zealand, or any school maintained chiefly for the benefit of Maoris:

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20 "Inspector-General of Schools" means the officer for the time being bearing that title and appointed by the Governor under the seventh section of "The Education Act, 1877."

25 3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, every endowed school shall afford free education to one scholar for every fifty pounds of the annual income derived by the school from endowments, including contributions made by School Commissioners acting under "The Education Reserves Act, 1877." Endowed schools to provide free tuition in proportion to their endowments.

Selection of
candidates.

4. The power of selection to the free places instituted in any endowed school as aforesaid shall be in the hands of the governing body of the school, and shall be exercised in accordance with regulations to be made from time to time by such governing body, and approved by the Minister of Education. 5

Such regulations shall prescribe tests of fitness, and the governing body shall not be required to select a candidate who is not eligible according to such tests; but when all the candidates so eligible have been selected, if any free places remain vacant, the governing body may in their discretion select other candidates thereto. 10

Tenure of scholar-
ships.

5. The regulations made under this Act shall specify the term during which a free place may be held by a duly-selected candidate, but such term shall in no case exceed three years.

Inspectors of
endowed schools.

6. The Inspector-General of Schools, and such deputy or deputies as he with the express consent of the Minister of Education 15 may appoint, shall have free access at all times to all endowed schools, and shall have authority to observe the conduct of the schools while the classes are under instruction, and to examine the classes *vivá voce* or by means of written papers.