

No. 6.—1870.

AN ORDINANCE with regard to Education.

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April 28th, 1870.

WHEREAS under the authority of certain resolutions passed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council on the nineteenth day of April, 1851, there have been established a Board of Education, a normal school, and schools of primary instruction in the several wards of the Colony. Preamble.

And whereas under the authority of certain other resolutions passed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council on the second day of September, 1857, there has been established in the town of Port of Spain a school of secondary instruction, called the Queen's Collegiate School.

And whereas certain other resolutions were passed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council on the twenty-first day of December in the year 1869, for making certain alterations in the system of primary education : and whereas certain other resolutions were passed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council on the twenty-fifth day of March last past for the establishment of a collegiate institution in this island.

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows :—

Board of Education.

1. The Board of Education shall consist of the Governor as President, and such persons as the Governor shall from time to time appoint, of whom one such person to be named by the Governor shall be Vice-President, and all persons so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.

As to the Constitution of the Board of Education.

Any five members of the Board, of whom the Governor or Vice-President shall be one, shall be a quorum.

The Governor, and in his absence the Vice-President shall in all questions have a second or casting vote.

Power to Governor to appoint Inspectors of Schools and Secretary to the Board of Education.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint such person or persons as he shall see fit to be Inspector or Inspectors of Schools, and also such person as he shall see fit to be Secretary to the Board of Education.

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Section 3 repealed by Ordinance 23 of 1878.

Rules to be laid before Council.

A copy of such rules shall be laid before the Legislative Council at its next meeting after the passing of the same.

As to the appointment and constitution of Executive Committee of the Board of Education, and the powers of such Committee.

4. The President and Vice-President and eight members of the Board of Education shall form and be the Executive Committee of the Board; and such eight members shall be selected from time to time, four by the members of the Board, not being members of the Roman Catholic Church, and four by the members of the Board being members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Executive Committee shall meet once at least in every calendar month, and the members of such Executive Committee or any two of them (of whom the President or Vice-President shall be one) shall have the power to make, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, all rules which the Board would be competent to make, and such rules signed by the President or Vice-President shall be laid before the Board of Education at its next meeting;—and if and when allowed by the Board of Education shall have the same force and effect as if made by the Board of Education.

Schools of Primary Education.

Schools of primary education to be divided into two classes.

5. Schools of primary education shall be divided into two classes, first, schools already established or to be hereafter established by the Government and to be maintained entirely from the public funds of the Colony;

and secondly, assisted schools to be established by local managers and to which aid shall be contributed from the public funds of the Colony.

6. The Warden of each ward and such person or persons as the Governor may from time to time appoint, and such two persons as the Warden and auditors of each ward may from time to time select, shall be visitors of the Government schools within such ward.

Visitors of the Government schools to be appointed.

7. Direct religious teaching shall not form part of the instruction to be given at any Government school, but every minister of religion or person appointed by him shall have free access to such Government schools for the purpose of giving religious instruction to the children of the religious denomination to which such minister may belong, at such hours as may be agreed on between such minister and the visitors of such school.

Direct religious teaching not to form part of the instruction to be given at any Government school.

8. Schools of primary education, established by private persons (on being allowed by the Board of Education) shall be entitled to receive aid from the public funds of the Colony on the following conditions:—

Conditions on which State aid will be given to schools of primary education established by private persons.

1. That the property and control of the school be vested in trustees, who shall be the local managers, having the power to appoint and dismiss the teacher of such school.
2. That the teacher to be so appointed be duly licensed by the Board of Education.
3. That the school be open to all children, without distinction of religion or race.
4. That no child receive any religious instruction objected to by the parent or guardian of such child, or be present whilst such instruction is given.
5. That free access be given, under regulations approved by the Board of Education, to all ministers of religion or persons appointed by them who may desire to afford religious instruction to children of their own persuasion, being pupils in such schools.
6. That the school be at all times open to inspection.

7. That the fees, if any, payable by the scholars do not exceed in amount a scale to be fixed by the Board of Education.

8. That the rules and books of secular instruction be subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

Aid to be
granted to
assisted
schools.

9. The aid to which assisted schools shall be entitled from the public funds of the Colony shall consist, first, of grants of money towards the providing of school houses and the furniture and apparatus of such school houses (in such proportions to the amounts contributed by the local managers as the Board of Education may from time to time determine), and secondly, in contributions towards the remuneration of the teachers of such schools.

As to the re-
muneration of
teachers.

10. The remuneration of the teachers of schools of primary instruction, whether Government schools or assisted schools, shall consist—

1. Of a fixed salary according to the class of the certificate from the Board of Education held by such teacher.

2. A capitation grant in proportion to the educational results.

3. A capitation grant in proportion to the attendance of pupils at the schools.

Local
managers to
be responsible
for portion of
teachers' re-
muneration,
&c.

11. The local managers for the time being of assisted schools shall be responsible for one-fourth of the remuneration of the teachers and other expenses of the schools under their management, or for such proportion of such remuneration and other expenses, less than one-fourth, as the Board of Education may in any particular case, regard being had to the circumstances of such case, allow and determine.

Power to local
manager to
appoint some
other person
in his place.

12. It shall be lawful for any local manager of any assisted school, by writing under his hand, to appoint such other person as he may see fit as local manager in his place, and such appointment and the acceptance thereof, in writing, by the person so appointed shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Education.

State aid to
be withdrawn
from assisted
school where
there is no
local manager.

13. In any case where there shall cease to be a local manager of any assisted school, all aid to such school from the public funds of the Colony shall be withdrawn.

14. It shall be lawful for the Board of Education to make order for the discontinuance of any Government school in any district in which assisted schools under local management sufficient for the instruction of the children of the district shall be established, and conducted to the satisfaction of the Board, and also in any case where the conditions mentioned in the Clause marked 8 of this Ordinance shall not be observed at any assisted school to withdraw the aid granted to such school and to establish a Government school in such district.

Power to Board of Education to order discontinuance of any Government school.

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Sections 15 and 16 repealed by Ordinance 24 of 1875.

17. For the promotion of secondary education, and in the place of the Institution now known as the Queen's Collegiate School, there shall be established in the town of Port of Spain a College, to be called "THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF TRINIDAD," and the yearly sum of three thousand pounds now appropriated from the general revenues of the Colony to the Queen's Collegiate School shall hereafter be applied and appropriated towards the support of such Institution.

"Royal College of Trinidad" to be established.

18. The management of such college shall be vested in the Governor and a Council, to consist of such persons, not exceeding at any one time the number of twelve, as the Governor may from time to time appoint.

Management of college to be vested in the Governor and a Council.

19. The Royal College shall include a normal school for the training of teachers for the primary schools of the Colony, which school shall be under the control and direction of the Principal of the Royal College.

Normalschool to be in connection with Royal College and under control of Principal.

20. The teaching body of such College shall consist of a Principal, to be appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, and such masters as the Governor may from time to time appoint.

As to the appointment of the principal and masters of Royal College

21. There shall be allowed to the Principal for the time being a salary at the rate of seven hundred pounds per annum, and a free residence for himself and his family, and to the Masters such salaries as the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, may from time to time direct.

Salaries to be allowed.

As to the admission of pupils of private schools as students of the Royal College.

22. It shall be lawful for the Council of the College from time to time to declare any school of secondary education already established, or hereafter to be established within this Island, to be a school in connection with the Royal College, and the pupils above the age of nine years of every such school which may be so declared to be in connection with the Royal College, on passing such entrance examination at the Royal College as may be required by the Council of the College, shall be students of the Royal College.

Aid to which schools declared by the College Council to be schools in connection with the Royal College shall be entitled.

23. All schools which shall be declared by the Council of the College to be schools in connection with the Royal College shall be entitled from year to year to aid from the public funds of the Colony, to consist First—of a fixed salary to the principal or head of such school;—Second—a capitation grant for each student over nine years of age, who shall have received a certificate from the principal of the Royal College of his having given during the preceding twelve months such number of attendances at the Royal College as the Council of the College shall determine;—Third, a capitation grant on the results of the annual examinations at the Royal College of the pupils of such school;—and Fourth, a premium on the entrance of each pupil of such school as a student of the Royal College.

Students of Royal College to attend such examination as College Council may appoint.

24. All students of the Royal College shall attend such examinations as the Council of the College may from time to time appoint.

Students of Royal College to attend such classes of instruction as College Council may direct.

25. The students of the Royal College shall attend such classes of instruction to be established in such College as the Council of the College may from time to time direct.

Proviso.

Provided always that any student shall, on the request of the parent or guardian or person standing *in loco parentis* to such student, be exempted from attending any class except the several Classes of Classics, Mathematics, Natural Science, and Modern Languages; and may on the like request be exempted from attending any or either of such last-mentioned classes, where efficient instruction in the like manner is given to the

satisfaction of the Council of the College in the school whereof such student is a pupil.

26. Free admissions to the Royal College, not exceeding in each year such number as the Council of the College may from year to year determine, shall be awarded to pupils of schools of primary education who shall pass such examination as the Council of the College shall appoint.

As to the free admission to the Royal College of pupils of schools of primary education.

27. It shall be lawful for the Governor to grant a free admission to the Royal College to the son or sons of any deceased public servant.

Power to Governor to grant free admission to Royal College to sons of deceased public servants.

28. The capitation grants on students at the Royal College, not being pupils in any school declared to be in connection with the Royal College, shall be applied towards the expenses of maintaining the College.

As to the application of capitation grants on students of the Royal College.

29. In each year four exhibitions of one hundred and fifty pounds each for three years shall be granted to students of the Royal College who shall pass such examination, as the Council of the College may appoint, to be applied towards the maintenance of such students at some University in Great Britain or Ireland.

Exhibitions to be granted to students of Royal College.

Passed in Council this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

A. C. ROSS,

Clerk of the Council.

N.B. The word "University" in this Ordinance (s 29) is extended by Ord 7 of 1886 to mean any University and also any recognised educational scientific institution or College approved by the Council of the Royal College.