

140. In outlying districts or parts of the country where from the scattered state of the population it is not practicable to establish a public school, the Board may appoint itinerant teachers under regulations to be provided for that purpose. The Board may also, on the recommendation of the Inspector, in such outlying districts which it would be premature or inconvenient to constitute school districts, assist schools started by private enterprise, in books, school apparatus, or money, as the Board shall think expedient: Provided always that the schools so aided shall comply with the provisions of section one hundred and *thirty-five* of this Act.

Itinerant teachers may be appointed. 1877, No. 21, sec. 88

Aided schools.

*Compulsory Education: Exemptions.*

141. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every child between the age of seven years and the age of fourteen years is hereby required to attend some public school not less than four times in any week that the school is open six times, six times in any week that the school is open eight times, and eight times in any week that the school is open ten times, morning and afternoon attendances being separately counted.

Every child between seven and fourteen to attend school. 1901, No. 54, sec. 3

- (2.) In the case of a half-time school, any child enrolled in the register of the school shall be required to attend seven times out of any consecutive ten times the school is open.

- (3.) A child shall be deemed to be attending a public school, and an attendance may be counted to him, if he is present at the time prescribed by regulations for marking the register, and remains present until the closing of the school, unless he is compelled to leave earlier in order to return home by railway or other public conveyance.

- (4.) A child who has attended for four hours in any school day may, under special circumstances, be allowed by the head teacher to leave before the close of the school.

- (5.) The provisions of this Act relating to the attendance of children at school shall apply to Maori and half-caste children attending public schools.

142. (1.) The parent of any child may apply for and receive from the School Committee of the district in which such child resides, or from the Chairman and one other member thereof, under the hand of the Chairman or Secretary, or from the head teacher of any public school in such district, a certificate exempting such child from attendance in whole or in part at school, upon satisfying the School Committee, or the Chairman and one other member thereof, or the head teacher of any public school in such district, of the existence of any one of the following grounds, namely:—

Certificate of exemption. Ibid, sec. 4

- (a.) That the total distance that the child would be required to walk from his place of residence to the school, or from his place of residence to the railway or other public conveyance and from the railway or other public conveyance to the school, is more than two miles in the case of a child under ten years of age, or three miles in any other case, the distance being estimated by the nearest road:
- (b.) That the child is under efficient and regular instruction elsewhere: