

Mr. Stewart proposed, "That the committee report progress"; seconded by Mr. Morton and carried.

Conference then resumed consideration of questions on the order paper.

Mr. Braik moved, "That the standard of education required for admission to a free place at a district high school should be a certificate of competency in Standard VI"; Mr. Hill seconded. —Motion negatived: Ayes, 11; Noes, 30.

Dr. Anderson moved to add, with consequential verbal alterations, to clause 4 of Conditions of Admission to Free Places in Secondary Schools and District High Schools, "Provided that on the recommendation of the head teacher of the secondary school, and subject to the approval of the Inspector-General of Schools, the junior free place may be extended for a third year, but in no case shall a junior free place so obtained continue beyond the holder's seventeenth birthday." —Motion agreed to.

It was agreed that Dr. Anderson and Mr. Spencer be added to the secondary education committee.

Mr. Morton moved, "That the question of a refund of expenses or of a grant of free railway-passes to pupils attending the Junior National Scholarship and free-place examinations or centralised examinations conducted by Inspectors of Schools for certificates under clause 24 *et seq.* of the Regulations for Inspection remitted by the Wanganui Education Board be referred to the secondary education committee." —Motion carried and question referred.

Mr. Mulgan moved, and Mr. Goyen seconded, "That the Junior National Scholarships be awarded on the results of an examination in the subjects prescribed for the Sixth Standard in the public-school syllabus." —Carried unanimously.

Mr. Mulgan moved, and Mr. White seconded, "That the examination for junior free places in secondary schools be held at the same time and place as the examination for Junior National Scholarships." —Agreed to.

The following motion by Mr. Mulgan was referred to the committee on secondary education: "That the Junior National Scholarships be open to all persons of either sex not over thirteen years of age on the first day of the month in which the examination is held."

Consideration of the following three motions by Mr. Mulgan was postponed:—

"That the Senior National Scholarships be awarded to persons of either sex who, being under nineteen years of age, obtain credit at the Junior Scholarship examination of the University of New Zealand."

District High Schools.—"That paragraph 2, clause 16 of regulations for staffs and salaries (district high schools) be deleted."

Teachers' Certificates.—"That in case of teachers' certificates the division within the class shall be determined—with the limitations noted in clause 5 of the regulations for teachers' certificates—on the efficiency and practical skill shown—*i.e.*, on Inspectors' marks alone."

The following motions were referred to the general committee:—

"That first aid be a compulsory subject in the examination of teachers."—(Mr. C. F. Bossence.)

"That, inasmuch as lessons on health are prescribed in classes S3 to S6, it is desirable that a paper containing questions on hygiene should be set to candidates for the Class D certificate."—(Mr. T. S. Foster.)

AMENDMENT AND REARRANGEMENT OF MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REGULATIONS FOR THE INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION OF SCHOOLS.

The following motions were referred to the regulations committee:—

"That clauses 22 and 23 of the Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Schools be deleted."

"That clauses 34 and 35 of the Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Schools be deleted."—(Mr. F. H. Bakewell.)

The following motion was referred to the general committee: "That schools in which a recognised and an approved course of deep-breathing exercises is being given are meeting all requirements with regard to physical culture."—(Mr. F. H. Bakewell.)

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The following motion was referred to the secondary education committee: "That the Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations dealing with agricultural, woodwork, and cookery classes be amended to allow such classes being conducted in country schools by itinerant teachers, and that either twenty two-hour lessons on consecutive school days or forty one-hour lessons be deemed to qualify for a grant under duly recognised instructors."—(Mr. H. Hill.)

GENERAL.

The question of the medical examination of school-children, remitted by the Health Department, was referred to the general committee.

The following motions were also referred to the general committee:—

"That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that a school *Gazette* be issued by the Education Department."—(Mr. T. S. Foster.)

"That school libraries be fostered by the Department by means of a pound-for-pound subsidy on all subscriptions collected by school-children in any school district."—(Mr. H. Hill.)

Consideration of the following motions was postponed:—

"That the Government be requested to bring in a Teachers Registration Act."—(Mr. Bossence.)