

FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Text of the Act Passed at the Last Session of the Provincial Legislature --- The Composition of the Vocational Educational Board--Assistance Will be Granted From the Provincial Treasury for the Establishment of Schools

Following is the full text of the Act relating to Vocational Training passed at the last Session of the Legislature.

(Passed 26th April, 1918.)

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Assembly, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Vocational Education Act."

2. The following terms shall in this Act mean as herein defined unless the context is repugnant thereto.

(a) "Pre-vocational Education" shall mean education the controlling purpose of which is to enable a child, with the help of its parent and teacher, to wisely select its course of study and training.

(b) "Vocational Education" shall mean any education the controlling purpose of which is to fit for profitable employment, and shall include industrial, agricultural and commercial education, and education in the fisheries and home economics.

(c) "Pre-vocational School" shall mean an organization of courses, pupils and teachers (or teacher), designed to hold the pupils from 12 to 14 years of age, who wish to enter industry early, for the purpose of extending their general education.

(d) "Vocational School" shall mean an organization of courses, pupils and teachers (or teacher), designed to give industrial, agricultural and commercial instruction, and instruction in fisheries and home economics, under a separate director.

3. For the purpose of administering this Act, the Board of Education shall appoint a Vocational Education Board, constituted and with the powers as follows, namely:

(a) The Vocational Education Board shall consist of seven members, viz.:

The Superintendent of Education.

The Principal of the Normal School.

The Secretary of Agriculture.

The Director of Elementary Agricultural Education,

And three others, including a representative of Capital and a representative of Labor.

The Chairman shall be elected from the last mentioned three, and the Chief Superintendent of Education shall be the Vice-Chairman.

The Vocational Education Board shall be appointed for a period of three years, and its members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

No remuneration shall be paid to members of the Vocational Education Board for services as members of said Board, but they shall be reimbursed for all necessary outlays in connection with their duties under this Act.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Vocational Education Board to investigate the need for and to aid in the introduction of Vocational Education, to superintend the establishment of Schools and Departments for the various kinds of such education; and to supervise and approve such Schools and Departments as hereinafter provided. The Vocational Education Board shall appoint the officials necessary to administer this Act, define their duties and fix their salaries, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. This Board shall make an annual report to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

4. In Cities and incorporated Towns, the Board of School Trustees may apply on the recommendation of the Common Council, City Council or Town Council, as the case may be, and in districts where the School Trustees are elected, the ratepayers may, at any annual meeting, by resolution, request the Trustees of such School Districts to apply to the Vocational

Education Board for power to establish, equip and maintain a Vocational School, setting forth and including in such application the plans of any proposed building and the nature of the instruction desired, and upon such application being approved of by the Vocational Board, the City, Town or School Trustees so applying shall have the power to assess and collect a sufficient sum for the purpose of establishing and equipping a suitable building or for otherwise carrying on the work, and for maintaining the same, and for the payment of tuition fees and in all respects carrying out the provisions of this Act, and for the purposes aforesaid shall have all the powers of a Board of School Trustees under the Schools Act, Chapter 50 of the Consolidated Statutes, or under any amendment thereof.

5. Upon the application for the establishment of a Vocational School being approved, and the assessment being made or ordered as provided in Section 4 of this Act, a local Vocational Committee for the establishment, administration and control of such Vocational School, shall be appointed by the local School Board. Such local Vocational Committee shall consist of five or seven members, and the Chairman and Secretary of the School Board shall in every case be Chairman and Secretary respectively of the local Vocational Committee. If the local Vocational Committee consists of five members, it shall include three members of the local School Board (including the Chairman) and two others, who shall be representatives of Labor and Capital respectively. If the local Vocational Committee consists of seven members, it shall include four members of the local School Board, including the Chairman, and three others representing labor, capital and home-making respectively.

6. Two or more cities, towns or school districts, each having secured the approval and provided the funds necessary (according to Section 4 hereof) may co-operate to establish a Vocational School under a joint Vocational Committee composed of two members of each School Board appointed by their own Board in each case, and three others appointed by the Vocational Education Board. The joint Vocational Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary.

7. Any County may establish and maintain a County Vocational School or Schools, subject to the approval of the Vocational Education Board, under a County Vocational Committee of seven, four of whom shall be appointed by the County Council, and three by the Vocational Education Board. The Vocational Education Board shall name the Chairman and Secretary of the County Vocational Committee. The County Council shall have the power to assess and collect sufficient funds for the purpose of this section in addition to any sum assessed and collected for general school purposes.

8. Members of a Vocational Committee except Trustees, shall hold office for three years. School Trustees shall hold office only during their term as Trustees. All members shall be eligible for reappointment.

9. Each local, joint and county Vocational Committee shall appoint a Director, who shall be head of the Vocational Schools organized by the Committee. Before appointment, said Director must be approved by the Vocational Education Board.

10. No teacher shall be employed in a Vocational School, established under this Act, without the approval of the Vocational Education Board. It shall be the duty of said Vocational Education Board to provide facilities at the Normal School or elsewhere, for the training of Vocational Teachers, out of funds provided under this Act.

11. In order that boys and girls between 12 and 14 years of age who plan to enter industry early, may continue their common school education in the essential branches, and at the same time have opportunity to wisely select the most suitable industry and lay a foundation for Vocational training in the same, any Vocational Committee may establish a Pre-vocational School, subject to the approval of the Vocational Education Board.

12. In order to make Vocational training accessible to the largest possible number, and that it may be adapted to local circumstances, Vocational Schools may organize day, part-time and evening classes. The Education offered shall be of less than college grade and be designed to meet the vocational needs of persons over 14 years of age, who are able to profit by the instruction offered. Attendance upon such day or part-time classes shall be restricted to persons over 14 and under 25 years of age; and upon such evening classes to persons over 16 years of age.

13. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any resident of any city, town or school district in New Brunswick, which does not maintain a Vocational or Pre-vocational School offering the type of training which he or she desires, may, through his or her local School Board, make application to any Vocational Committee, maintaining a School of the desired type, for admission to said School. A Vocational Committee receiving such application may approve or disapprove the same; but in event of disapproval, the applicant may appeal to the Vocational Education Board, whose decision shall be final. In making its decision, the Vocational Education Board shall take into consideration the opportunities for free Vocational and Pre-vocational training in the community in which the applicant resides; the financial status of the community; the age, sex, preparation, attitude and previous record of the applicant, and all other relevant circumstances.

(b) The School Board of the city, town or district in which the person resides, who has been admitted, as above provided, to a Vocational or a Pre-vocational School, maintained by another city, town or district, shall pay such tuition fee as may be fixed by the Vocational Board, and the Province shall reimburse such School Board as provided for in this Act. If any School Board neglects or refuses to pay for such tuition, it shall be liable therefor in an action of contract to the Vocational Committee maintaining the School which the pupil, with the approval of the said Board, attended.

14. Vocational and Pre-vocational Schools established under this Act, shall, so long as they are approved by the Vocational Education Board, as to organization, control, location, equipment, courses of study, qualifications of teachers, methods of instruction, employment of pupils and expenditures of money, receive Provincial grants as provided in Sections 15, 16 and 17 of this Act.

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