

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Full Text of Important Bill Passed by the Legislature---A Vocational Education Board to be Appointed---Province to pay One half of the cost of Technical Schools ---Appropriation Limited to \$50,000 a year.

Following is the full text of the bill to provide for a system of vocational education in New Brunswick, passed by the Legislature last evening:

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

and four others including a representative of Capital and a representative of Labor.

The Chairman shall be elected from the last mentioned four.

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. 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, and the nature of the instruction desired, setting forth and including in such application the plans of any proposed building, and upon such application being approved of by the Vocational Education 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 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 homemaking, 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 purposes of this section in addition to any sum assessed and collected for general School purposes.

8. Members of the 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 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 Education 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.

15. (a) The Province, in order to aid in the maintenance of Vocational and Pre-vocational education, shall, as provided in this Act, pay annually from the treasury to the Vocational Committee maintaining such School, an amount equal to one-half the sum to be known as the net maintenance sum. Such net maintenance sum shall consist of the total sum expended for the maintenance of such School less the amount, for the same period, of tuition claims, paid or unpaid, and receipts from the work of pupils or the sale of products, provided always that no Provincial grants shall be paid on account of real estate or insurance.

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Washington, Apr. 25. — Repeated declarations of the German emperor and Hindenburg and Ludendorff that the war was forced upon Germany, and assertions from the same source that Germany was taken by surprise by the Russian mobilization is of particular interest to certain papers taken from Captain von Papen, late military attaché at Washington. Among the papers which have been issued by the British government in a white book appears a letter from "R. Von Wild of the German ministry of war in Berlin to Captain von Papen seeking information regarding the best means of blowing up railroad trains in the event of an European war." The significant point is that this letter was written March 12, 1914, about five months before the outbreak of war. This letter says: "According to newspaper reports several railway trains were blown up by revolutionaries during the troubles in Mexico. In order to form an opinion whether, in the event of an European war, explosions of this kind would have to be reckoned with it is requested that if possible information should be obtained as to how these attacks have been carried out. Were mines and explosives placed on lines which were little guarded, or were the attacks carried out on the train by igniting a charge of dynamite, or by the employment of infernal machines?"

Captain von Papen, replying from Mexico, where it is now known that he was industriously planting the seeds of German propaganda and establishing connections for Germany to use in the event of war on the United States, said:

"I consider out of the question that explosions prepared would have to be reckoned with in an European war. They are only possible on lines that

are ill guarded, which as in the country pass for miles through revolutionary districts, and have no protection other than a pilot train. Infernal machines, so far as I know have never been employed."

Another letter on von Papen from the manager of the Potsdam Branch of the Disconto-Gesellschaft, has this postscript: "P. S. We have never before seen such preparations for war as are being made at present. German government stocks fell today one per cent. Kind regards. Mimmel."

This letter was regarded as of particular interest by the British compilers of the correspondence in view of its date—July 25, 1914, while negotiations were still in progress to avoid war.

Some people are buying their winter coal early and others are hoping that the axis of the earth will be moved before next November so that a mild winter will result.

STEFFANSON ILL IN FAR NORTH

Fort Yukon, Alaska, April 25.—Bringing an appeal for a doctor by Vilhjarmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, who lies dangerously ill on Herschel Island, a messenger reached here late yesterday afternoon, after a record breaking trip from the north.

In a message carried by the courier, Stefansson told of being ill 50 days with typhoid and pneumonia.

A doctor already is on his way to Herschel Island from here.

(b) School Boards that have paid claims for tuition in Vocational or Pre-vocational Schools, shall be paid Provincial grants to the extent of one-half the sums expended in payment of such tuition claims.

(c) Local or joint Vocational Committees maintaining Vocational and Pre-vocational Schools, under this Act, in communities of less than 5,000 people, shall receive Provincial grants to the extent only of one-half of the salaries paid the Director and Instructors.

(d) The money necessary for the administration of this Act, and for the preparation of teachers for the School established under its provisions shall be paid from the Provincial Treasury.

(e) All moneys payable under the provisions of this Act shall be paid on requisition of the Vocational Board upon the Comptroller General, provided always that the sum total of the amounts paid under the Act shall in no year exceed \$50,000.

16. (a) Estimates shall be presented by the Vocational Education Board to the Governor-in-Council before each Session of the Legislature, for the school year beginning the first day of July next following.

(b) Estimates shall be presented by Vocational Committees to the Vocational Education Board, on or before the first day of January of the school year for which the estimate is made.

17. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any city, town or district unless compulsory school attendance therein shall have been adopted.

18. The Vocational Education Board shall have power to make regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

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