

cretion at the rates at present authorised for scraping and repainting, viz. :—

- (a) Ordinary rate . . . 9d. a day
- (b) Within the tropics . . . 1s. a day
- (c) When in the Red Sea
or Persian Gulf
between 1st April
and 30th November, inclusive . . . 1s. a day

for any work carried out in any of the confined spaces of Your Majesty's ships when the nature of the duty or the conditions under which the work is performed render the grant of special remuneration desirable :

" II. That leading hands engaged in supervising duties which entail their presence in confined spaces at intervals only, be granted extra pay at the special rate of 6d. a day as from 15th December, 1911 :

" The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

Education (Scotland) Act, 1908.

PROPOSED ORDER BY THE SCOTCH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DALKEITH (TOWN). SCHOOL BOARD OF DALKEITH (LANDWARD).

WHEREAS by subsection (1) of section 22 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1908 (8 Edward 7, cap. 63), it is enacted that where it is represented to the Department by a School Board that it would be expedient that the district or part of a district of the said school board should be united with the adjacent district or part of district of another school board, so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one school board, the Department shall consult with the authorities concerned, and may cause a local inquiry to be held, and, if they are of opinion that the districts should be united, may by order provide for uniting the said districts as aforesaid :

And whereas it has been represented to the Department by the School Board of Dalkeith (Town) that it would be expedient that the district of the said School Board should be united with the adjacent district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Landward), so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one school board :

And whereas the Department, after consulting with the authorities concerned and causing a local inquiry to be held, are of opinion that the said districts should be united as aforesaid :

And whereas it is expedient that the said districts should be united as aforesaid :

Now therefore the Department, in virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon them by the enactment above recited, do hereby order as follows, *videlicet* :—

1. The district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Town) shall, from and after the date at which this Order shall commence to have effect, be united with the district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Landward) so as for all purposes to constitute a district under one School Board.

2. The existing School Boards shall cease to exist, and there shall be established in their room for the districts united as aforesaid one school board to be called " The School Board of Dalkeith."

3. The said School Board of Dalkeith (hereinafter referred to as " the School Board ") shall consist of the twelve members who at the date hereof constitute the said existing school boards. The said members shall hold office until the school board election to be held in the year 1914 in terms of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872 to 1908, after which date the number of members of the School Board shall be nine.

4. The whole property, heritable and moveable, real and personal, including the respective school funds and any funds held in trust, belonging to the existing school boards, and all debts and obligations due to the existing school boards, shall be transferred to and vested in the School Board in property or in trust as the case may be ; and save as hereinafter provided all teachers, janitors, officers, and other employees in the service of the existing school boards shall be transferred to, and become teachers, janitors, officers, and employees in the service of the School Board.

Provided always that the School Board shall not be bound to take over the Clerk to the School Board of Dalkeith (Landward), but such officer shall receive from the School Board a gratuity of thirty-five pounds as compensation for abolition of office.

5. The whole debts and liabilities of the existing school boards shall be taken over by, and become debts and liabilities of, the School Board.

6. With respect to the deficiency in the School Fund of the School Board and the sum required to meet the same, the following provisions shall have effect, *videlicet* :—

(a) The deficiency in the school fund shall be allocated upon the district of the School Board, so that for the financial year from Whitsunday 1912 to Whitsunday 1913 the school rate to be levied in the existing district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Landward) shall exceed the school rate levied in the said district for the financial year from Whitsunday 1911 to Whitsunday 1912 by one penny in the pound, and thereafter in each succeeding financial year shall exceed the school rate levied in the said district in the preceding financial year by one penny in the pound, or, in the event of the difference being less than one penny by such smaller sum per pound as may bring the said rate per pound up to an equality with the school rate per pound levied in the existing district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Town).

(b) When the school rate per pound levied in the existing district of the School Board of Dalkeith (Landward) has been brought up as aforesaid to an equality with the school rate