

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of November, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Prescott (Lancashire), appointed under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the seventy-fourth section of that Act, with the approval of the Education Department, made certain Bye-laws, bearing date the twelfth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 141.

And whereas all the conditions in regard to the said Bye-laws, which are required to be fulfilled by the said Act, have been fulfilled, and the said Bye-laws have been submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty in Council: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Bye-laws (copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her sanction of the same.

Arthur Helps.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1870.

No. CXLI.

Township of Prescott.

BYE-LAWS OF THE PRESCOT SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of a requisition sent by the Education Department to the Clerk to the Guardians of the Prescott Union, in the county of Lancaster, a School Board for the district of the said township was duly elected on the 13th day of April, 1871.

Now, at a Meeting of the School Board of the said township of Prescott, held at the said township of Prescott, on Wednesday, the 12th day of June, 1872, at which meeting a quorum of the members of such Board are present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the aforesaid powers, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

1. The term "Education Department" means "The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education."

The term "Her Majesty's Inspectors" means "The Inspectors of Schools appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Education Department."

The term "School Board" or "Board" means the "School Board of the district comprising the township of Prescott."

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means a "Public Elementary School" as defined by the said Act, and includes a free school, but not an Industrial School.

The term "School Managers" includes all persons who have the management of any Public Elementary School.

The term "Officer" means an officer appointed by the Board, pursuant to the 36th section of the said Act.

The term "Parent" includes a guardian, and every person who is liable to maintain, or has the actual custody of any child, but does not include the mother of a child when the father is living and is residing within the township.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and of these Bye-laws, the parent of every child not less than five years of age, nor more than thirteen years of age, residing within the district of the said township, shall cause such child to attend school within the said township.

3. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school shall be open for the instruction of children of similar age, provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child by its parent from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, and that no child shall be required—

(a.) To attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his or her parent belongs.

(b.) To attend school on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any day set apart for a day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving, or on Saturday after twelve o'clock at noon.

(c.) To attend school on any day fixed for the inspection of the school and the examination of the scholars therein in respect of religious subjects.

Provided also, that any requirement herein contained shall not be held or construed to apply to any child employed in labour and receiving instruction in conformity with the provisions of the Factory Acts or of the Workshop Regulation Act, 1867.

4. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and thirteen years of age has reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the New Code of Regulations of the Education Department, made on the 7th day of February, 1871, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the fourth standard of education mentioned in the said Code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than fifteen hours in any one week.

5. A child shall not be required to attend school—

(a.) If such child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.

(b.) If such child is prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.

(c.) If there is no Public Elementary School which such child can attend within one mile and a half, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.

6. If the parent of any child between five and thirteen years of age, whom the School Board may require to attend some elementary school, satisfies the School Board that he or she is unable from poverty to pay the whole or some part of the school fees of such child, the School Board, in the case of a school provided by the Board, will remit, and, in the case of any other school selected by the parent, will pay, the whole or such part of the fees as, in the opinion of the Board, the parent is not able to pay, for a renewable period to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding six calendar months.

7. An officer may visit the parent of any child who, according to his information and belief, is not attending school or under efficient instruction, and may then, or at a subsequent time, serve upon such parent a notice, in the form or to the effect prescribed in the Schedule to these Bye-laws, and, unless the parent object, the officer