

- (c) Where the person who is liable to maintain, or has the actual custody of any child, in the Elementary Education Act, 1870, called the parent, is not the father or mother of such child.

Provided, nevertheless, that if any case shall arise not hereinbefore provided for, in which the said School Board shall consider it advisable to remit such school fees, they may make an order for such payment or remission to be in force for a period not exceeding one calendar month only, instead of six calendar months, with power from time to time to renew such order for a further period not exceeding two calendar months, at any one time, on the parent again satisfying the Board that he or she is, from poverty, unable to pay such school fees, but in any case in which such order is made under this proviso, the reason for making the same shall be expressly entered in the minute book or other book of the Board.

5. Any person committing a breach of any of these Bye-laws shall, for every offence, be subject to a penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence, provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week shall be deemed one offence, and that no penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law shall exceed such sum as, with the costs, will amount to five shillings for each offence.

6. These Bye-laws shall take effect from the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Order in Council.



J. D. Ward, Chairman.

Edwd. Felkin, Clerk.

15th March, 1876.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of June, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Arlesey, 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 fifth of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 660 :

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.

C. L. Peel.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. DCLX.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE ARLESEY SCHOOL BOARD.

WE, the School Board of the parish of Arlesey, under and by virtue of the powers vested in us by

the "Elementary Education Act, 1870," at a Meeting held in the Board Room (Board Schools) in the said parish, on Friday, the 5th day of May, 1876, do, with the approval of the Education Department, make the following Bye-laws:—

In these Bye-laws:—

Terms.

- (a.) Terms importing males include females.
- (b.) The term "School" means either a Public Elementary School, or any other school at which efficient elementary instruction is given.
- (c.) The term "Board" or "School Board" means the School Board of Arlesey.
- (d.) The term "Parent" includes Guardian or any person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of any child.

Bye-laws.

1. The parent of every child of not less than five years nor more than twelve years of age, and residing in the district of the School Board, is required to cause such child to attend school, unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, namely:—

- (a.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (b.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend within a distance of two miles, measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

2. That in case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child above ten years of age has reached the third standard of education mentioned in the Code of Regulations of the Education Department, in force at the date of such certificate, 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 second standard of education mentioned in the said code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than 150 times in any one year.

3. The time during which every such child is required to attend school is the whole time for which the school selected shall be open as a day school for the instruction of children. But the Board may from time to time, in any special case, grant exemption from attendance for some definite portion of the school hours.

4. Provided always, that nothing contained in these Bye-laws shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance, or instruction in religious subjects, or shall require any child to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his parent belongs; or shall be of any force or effect in so far as it may be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

5. Every parent who shall not observe, or shall neglect or violate these Bye-laws or any of them, will be liable to be proceeded against in a summary manner, and shall, upon conviction for the breach of any Bye-law, be liable to a penalty, but no such penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law shall exceed such amount as with the costs will amount to five shillings for each offence. Provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a