

(4.) The term "School" means a Certified Efficient School, as defined by the 48th section of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, and the term "Public Elementary School," means a Public Elementary School, as defined by the 7th section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870.

(5.) The term "Parent" includes guardian, and every person who is liable to maintain, or has the actual custody of any child, but does not include the mother of the child when the father is living, and is residing within the School Board district, or any adjoining parish or township.

*Requiring Parents to cause Children to attend School.*

2. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 and 1873, and of these Bye-laws, the parent of any child not less than five years of age, nor more than thirteen years of age, residing within the district of the School Board, shall cause such child to attend some school which the parent may select, 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, being under seven years of age, can attend within a mile, or being over seven years of age, can attend, within two miles, the distances in either case being measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

*Determining Time during which Children shall attend School.*

3. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time during which the school selected shall be open.

Provided that nothing in the present Bye-laws —

- (1.) Shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects.
- (2.) 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 on Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or on any day set apart for a day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving; or
- (3.) Shall have 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.

*Proviso for Total or Partial Exemption from Attendance if Child has reached a certain Standard.*

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 Code 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 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, and no girl of a similar age shall be re-

quired to attend school more than fifteen hours in any one week, so long as she is, to the satisfaction of the Board, beneficially and necessarily at work.

*Remission of Payment of Fees in case of Poverty.*

5. If the parent of any child satisfies the School Board that the reason that his or her child does not attend school is that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board will, in the case of a school provided by the Board, remit the whole or such part of the fees as, in the opinion of the Board, the parent is unable to pay, for a renewable period, to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding three calendar months.

*Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.*

6. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall 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 a sum as with the costs, will amount to five shillings for each offence.

7. All Bye-laws heretofore made by the School Board are hereby wholly revoked, as from the day hereinafter specified in Bye-law 8.

*Date on which these Bye-laws shall come into operation.*

8. These Bye-laws shall take effect from and after the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council.

Sealed with the Corporate Common Seal of the Colebrooke School Board, this 26th day of April, A.D. 1877.

Thomas Drosier, Chairman.

John Willcocks, Clerk.

L. S.

At the Court at Windsor, the 14th day of May, 1877.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Church-stanton, appointed under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the seventy-fourth section of that Act, as amended by "The Elementary Education Act, 1876," with the approval of the Education Department, made certain Bye-laws, numbered 823:

And whereas all the conditions in regard to the said Bye-laws, which are required to be fulfilled by the said Acts, 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.