

remaining part of the district of the School Board of the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)) with the district of the School Board of the Burgh of Port Glasgow :

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 the Burgh of Greenock shall, from and after the date at which this Order shall commence to have effect, be united with (1) the district of the School Board of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward); (2) that part of the district of the School Board of the Parish of Gourcock being the part of the *quoad sacra* Parish of Gourcock lying within the present municipal boundaries of the Burgh of Greenock, and known as the Gateside district; and (3) that part of the district of the School Board of the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)) lying within the East Parish of Greenock (Landward), so as for all purposes to constitute a district under the said School Board of the Burgh of Greenock.

2. From and after the date of the commencement of this Order the School Boards of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward) and the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)) shall cease to exist.

3. The whole property heritable and moveable, real and personal, including the respective school funds and any funds held in trust, belonging to the School Boards of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward) and the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)), and all debts and obligations due to the said School Boards, shall be transferred to and vested in the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock in property or in trust as the case may be; and all teachers, janitors, officers, and other employees in the service of the said School Boards shall be transferred to and become teachers, janitors, officers, and employees in the service of the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock.

Provided always—

(1) that the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock shall not be bound to take over the Clerk to the School Board of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward), but such officer shall receive a gratuity of fifty pounds as compensation for abolition of office from the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock; and

(2) That the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock shall not be bound to take over the Clerk to the School Board of the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)), or the compulsory officer to that Board, but the Clerk to the said School Board shall receive a gratuity of two hundred pounds as compensation for abolition of office, of which sum the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock shall pay an amount corresponding to the proportion borne by the assessable value of the part of the district of the School Board of the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)) lying within the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) to the assessable value of the part of the said district united with the district of the School Board of Port Glasgow as aforesaid.

4. The whole debts and liabilities of the School Boards of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward) and the East Parish of Greenock (Landward) (including Port Glasgow (Landward)) shall be taken over by, and become debts and liabilities of, the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock.

5. With respect to the deficiency in the School Fund of the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock and the sum required to meet the same, the following provisions shall have effect, viz. :—

(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 the West Parish of Greenock (Landward) shall exceed the school rate levied in the said district for the financial year from Whitsunday 1911 to Whitsunday 1912 by three half-pence 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 three half-pence in the pound, or, in the event of the difference being less than three half-pence, 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 the Burgh of Greenock.

(b) When the school rate per pound levied in the existing district of the School Board of the West Parish of Greenock (Landward) has been brought up as aforesaid to an equality with the school rate per pound levied in the existing district of the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock, the deficiency in the School Fund of the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock shall thenceforth be met by a uniform rate levied in the district of the said School Board.

(c) For the purposes of this Order the school rate per pound shall be calculated in the manner prescribed by section 25 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1908.

6. The School Board of the Parish of Gourcock shall be entitled to receive the whole sum levied and collected in name of School Rate in their existing district for the financial year ending the fifteenth day of May 1912.

7. The School Board of the Burgh of Greenock shall pay to the School Board of the Parish of Gourcock from the produce of the school rate levied in the extended district for the financial year from Whitsunday 1912 to Whitsunday 1913, the sum of two hundred and forty-four pounds, and thereafter annually for nine years a sum less in each succeeding year by twenty-four pounds eight shillings than the sum paid in the preceding year, until the total of such payments amounts to the sum of one thousand three hundred and forty-two pounds :

Provided that it shall be open to the School Board of the Burgh of Greenock if they think proper to discharge within a period of five years the total sum of one thousand three hundred and forty-two pounds due by them in terms hereof to the School Board of Gourcock.