

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.

Edmund Harrison.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CCXLI.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

Parish of Bocking.

BYE-LAWS OF THE BOCKING SCHOOL BOARD.

At a meeting of the School Board for the parish of Bocking, duly convened and held at the Black Boy Inn, in the said parish, on Thursday, the 19th day of June, 1873, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the powers of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

Requiring Parents to cause Children to Attend School.

1. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act of 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 parish, shall cause such child to attend school.

Determining the Time during which Children shall attend School.

2. The time during which children shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school shall be open for the instruction of children of similar age; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child during the time or times in which any religious observance is practised, or instruction on religious subjects is given, 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.

(c.) To attend school on any day fixed for the inspection of the school, or 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 of 1867, or of any other Act or Acts that are or may be passed to regulate the education of children engaged in labour.

Proviso for Total or Partial Exemption from Attendance if Child has reached Certain Standards.

3. 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 in 1873, 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.

Defining Reasonable Excuses for Non-Attendance.

4. 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, or any cause which the Board shall deem satisfactory.

(c.) If there is no Public Elementary School which such child can attend within two miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of the child.

Providing for Remission or Payment of School Fees in case of Poverty.

6. When the parent of any child shall satisfy the School Board that he is unable from poverty to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board, in case of a school provided by the Board, may remit, and in the case of any other Public Elementary School, may pay the whole or such part of the fees as the parent is deemed unable to pay, for a renewable period, not exceeding six months, provided, in the case of payment of fees, that the amount of such payment shall not exceed the ordinary fees payable at the school or schools provided by the Board.

Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.

6. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs for each offence, provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week shall be deemed one offence.

Date on which Bye-laws shall come into Operation.

7. These Bye-laws shall take effect on and after the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Order in Council.

Sealed with the Common Seal
of the School Board for the
parish of Bocking.



Robert McAll, Chairman.
Edw. Holmes, Clerk.

June 19, 1873.

At the Court at *Balmoral*, the 30th day of
September, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, 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 fourteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 242.