

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.

Edmund Harrison.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CCXLII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

Parish of Sharnbrook.

BYE-LAWS OF THE SHARNBROOK SCHOOL BOARD.

Recital of Election of School Board.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a requisition sent by the Education Department to the Returning Officer for the parish of Sharnbrook, in the county of Bedford, a School Board for the district of the said parish was duly elected on the 20th day of April, 1871.

At a meeting of the Sharnbrook School Board, held at the Board Room in the School House, Sharnbrook, on Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1872, the said Board did, in pursuance of powers vested in the said Board by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and, subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

Interpretation Terms.

In the Bye-laws

- (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 for Sharnbrook.
- (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 eleven years of age, is required to cause such child to attend school unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

Definition of Reasonable Excuses 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 three miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child.

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

2. That in case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between

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ten and eleven 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.

Determination of Times of Attendance at School.

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.

Section 74.

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 require the attendance of any child at school at any time or in any manner contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

Providing for Remission of School Fees in case of Poverty.

4. If any parent, whose child is or has been attending school or has been served with a notice under these Bye-laws, requiring him to cause his child to attend school, shall satisfy the Board that he is unable from poverty to pay the whole or some part of the school fees of such child, the Board may and will remit the whole of the fees, or such part thereof, as, in the opinion of the Board, the parent is unable to pay, for such renewable period, not exceeding six calendar months, as shall be from time to time fixed by the Board.

Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.

5. Every parent who shall not observe, or shall neglect or violate these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs, for each offence.

In witness whereof we, the School Board for the parish of Sharnbrook, in the county of Bedford, have hereunto set our Common Seal this 14th day of November, 1872.

Sealed in the presence of

William Hipwell, Chairman.

Mark Sharman, Clerk.



Downing Street, October 1, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Hudson Ralph Janisch, Esq., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Saint Helena.

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*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, October 1, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Foreign Office a Despatch from Her Majesty's