

night school, the Minister, upon the recommendation of the Board of Advice for the district, may establish such night school. The Minister may, if he sees fit, establish Model Schools in any locality he may approve of, and, in every such school special provision shall be made for the training of teachers both male and female; and the teachers so trained shall be classified according to their attainments and skill in teaching, and shall receive certificates corresponding thereto. The Minister determines from time to time what shall be the maximum number of children allowed to attend any school, and whenever the number of children for whom the right to attend any school is claimed shall exceed the maximum number so determined, the prior right of attendance shall in the first place belong to the children whose homes are nearer to such school than to any other school; but no child of the age of ten years who shall have begun attendance for two years at a school shall be compelled to leave such school. When there is no other school within a distance of five miles no child shall be refused admission to or be entitled to claim exemption from attendance at any school by reason of the attendance of children at such school temporarily exceeding the set maximum.

The parents of children, if not less than seven years nor more than thirteen years of age, must cause such children to attend school on each day in every week in each year while the school is open unless just cause of exemption is shown. Any of the following reasons is held as a just cause of exemption:

(1) That the child is being regularly and efficiently instructed in some other manner. (2) That the child

has been prevented from attending school by sickness, danger of infection, temporary or permanent infirmity, or any unavoidable cause. (3) That the parent needs the assistance of the child at home, or in providing for the support of the family during some portion of any week; but absence of any child from school must not in any week exceed two school days. (4) That there is no school within a radius of two miles, or such greater distance as may from time to time be fixed by the Board of Advice for the district, measured from the residence of such child. (5) That the child has been educated up to the compulsory standard of education. In this cause exemption only applies to the case of a child who has attained the age of eleven years. The compulsory standard of education means and includes proficiency in reading, writing and arithmetic to the satisfaction of an inspector of schools. When a child reaches this standard he receives a certificate to that effect, signed by the inspector. (6) That the child has been exempted from attendance by the Board of Advice for the district, and that the period of such exemption has not expired. Parents neglecting to send a child to school, and not having just cause of exemption, may be brought before any two Justices of the Peace and fined a sum not exceeding five shillings for the first offence, and not exceeding twenty shillings for every succeeding offence.

Free passes are issued on the Government railways to children who utilize the railway in going to and returning from school, provided that such school shall be the one nearest by railway to the residence of the parents of such children.

The province is divided into 42 school districts, containing a total