CHAPTER 96.

An Act to provide for additional payments to Teachers of National Schools in Ireland. [13th August 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable boards of guardians throughout Ireland to contribute towards increasing the remuneration of the teachers of national schools in their respective unions out of the rates for the relief of the destitute poor:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1875."

Interpretation of terms.

2. In construing this Act the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them; that is to say,

The expression "the Commissioners of Education" shall mean "the Commissioners of "National Education in Ireland."

The expression "the Local Government Board" shall mean the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The expression "financial year" shall mean the period of time between the first day of April in any year and the first day of April in the next following year.

The expression "the guardians," with respect to any poor law union, shall mean the board of guardians for such poor law union.

The expression "union" shall mean a poor law union.

The expression "contributory union" shall mean a union contributing to the payment of fees to teachers of national schools in such union in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

The expression "results fees" shall mean "fees payable in a contributory union to "teachers of national schools other than poor law union national schools in respect "of the results ascertained to have been effected in their respective schools."

Commissioners of Education, together with annual estimate, to transmit to Treasury scale of results fees.

3. The Commissioners of Education shall each year, together with their estimate for the next financial year, transmit to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury a statement showing the scale upon which the amount required for the payment of results fees has been calculated; and the scale upon which such estimate as approved by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury has been calculated shall remain in force to the end of such financial year, without any alteration tending to increase the total amount estimated for results fees in such financial year.

Local Government Board to give notice to guardians inquiring whether they are willing to become a contributory union.

4. The Local Government Board shall, on or before the first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, transmit to the guardians of each union in Ireland a notice requiring them within forty days after the receipt thereof to inform the Local Government Board whether, for the purpose of increasing the remuneration of the teachers of national schools within such union, they are willing to become a contributory union within the meaning of this Act; and the Local Government Board shall, on or before the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in every subsequent year, transmit a notice to the like effect to the guardians of every union which shall not at such time be a contributory union.

Any guardians may resolve that their union shall contribute to results fees.

5. The guardians for any union duly assembled after fourteen days notice has been given in the manner required by the regulations of the Local Government Board may, by the votes of a majority of their number, resolve that such union shall in each financial year contribute out of the rates for the relief of the destitute poor a sum equal to one third of the full amount which shall upon the passing of such resolution become payable in such year by way of results fees in respect of pupils attending the national schools in such union, and such union shall thereupon become liable to the payment of such contribution out of such rates as aforesaid and be a contributory union.

Certificate of resolution of guardians to be sent to Commissioners and to Local Government Board, and to be conclusive evidence of such resolution.

6. When such resolution has been passed by the guardians of any union a copy of the same signed by the chairman of such guardians and the clerk of such union shall be sent to the Commissioners of Education and to the Local Government Board, and shall, for the purposes of this Act, be conclusive evidence that such resolution was in every respect duly passed; and every such resolution shall continue in force, and the union to which the same relates shall continue to be a contributory union until the expiration of one year after the first day of April next after the passing of such resolution and thereafter until such resolution shall be rescinded: Provided always, that any such resolution may be rescinded by the vote of a majority of the guardians duly assembled after one month's notice, and if so rescinded notice thereof shall be sent by the clerk of the union to the Commissioners of Education and to the Local Government Board, and from and after the first day of April next after such rescinding the union to which such resolution related shall cease to be a contributory union, but may again become a contributory union in manner by this Act provided.

Commissioners of Education to certify the sum required to Local Government Board.

7. The Commissioners of Education shall before the first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five transmit to the Local Government Board an estimate of the full amount payable as results fees in respect of pupils attending the national schools in each contributory union by the Commissioners of Education during the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and shall before the first day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six and each subsequent year transmit to the Local Government Board an estimate of the full amount payable as results fees in respect of pupils attending the national schools in each contributory union by the Commissioners of Education in the financial year commencing with such first day of April, and shall require the Local Government Board in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in every subsequent year, to provide a sum equal to one third of such full amount; and the said Local Government Board shall thereafter provide such sum in the manner by this Act prescribed.

Local Government Board to assess the sum required in each contributory union, and to make order for the levy thereof.

8. Upon the receipt of every such estimate the Local Government Board shall by an order under their seal assess upon each contributory union a sum equal to one third of the full amount payable as results fees in respect of pupils attending the national schools in such contributory union, and shall transmit a copy of such order to the guardians and likewise to the treasurer of such contributory union, stating the amount so assessed on such contributory union.

Treasurers of contributory unions to pay over the amount so assessed to Bank of Ireland.

9. Forthwith on the receipt of such order by the treasurer of any contributory union he shall, out of the funds then lying in his hands to the credit of the guardians of such union, or if there shall be then no sufficient assets, out of the moneys next received by him and placed to the credit of such guardians, pay over the amount so assessed on such contributory union to the Bank of Ireland, to be there placed to the credit of the Commissioners of Education to a separate account, to be entitled "The Results Fees Account;" and the guardians of such contributory union shall in their account with the electoral divisions of such contributory union debit each electoral division with its proportion of the said amount according to the net annual value for the time being of the property rateable to the rates for the relief of the destitute poor in each such division.

The Commissioners of Education to distribute the contribution of unions, together with the moneys granted by Parliament.

10. The Commissioners of Education, in the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in each subsequent financial year, shall, out of the sum so raised in each such year in each contributory union, pay to the teachers of national schools in such contributory union, other than the poor law union national schools, a sum not exceeding one third of the full amount payable to such teachers within that year by way of results fees in respect of pupils attending the national schools within such union.

Disposition of overplus, &c.

11. If in any financial year the sum provided by the Local Government Board in respect of any contributory union exceeds the amount required for the purposes of this Act in such year in respect of such contributory union, such overplus shall be carried to the credit of the next following financial year, and in such last-mentioned year only such sum shall

be raised by assessment on such contributory union as shall be necessary in addition thereto to make up the sum which would in the ordinary course under this Act be required to be provided by the Local Government Board in respect of such contributory union, in such next following financial year.

Provision for teachers of poor law union national schools.

12. The guardians of any union duly assembled after fourteen days notice has been given in the manner required by the regulations of the Local Government Board may, by a majority of their number, resolve that in any year a sum may be given out of the rates for the relief of the destitute poor by way of fees to the teachers of the poor law union national schools in such union, in respect of results ascertained to have been effected in their respective schools, and thereupon the same shall be paid to such teachers by the guardians, on receiving a certificate of the results from the Commissioners of Education: Provided always, that the amount of any such payment shall not exceed the full amount which would be payable under the like circumstances to such teachers of such poor law union national schools if they were teachers of other national schools in such union.