

Education Act 1944

1944 CHAPTER 31

PART IV

GENERAL.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

86 Extension of power to make schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts, and modifications of those Acts and of 4 and 5 Vict. c. 38.

- (1) Where it appears to the Minister that the purposes for which any educational endowment is applicable include the provision of religious education for the pupils in attendance at a voluntary school in accordance with the tenets of a particular religious denomination, and that it is desirable for the purpose of enabling that denomination to participate more effectively in the administration of the statutory system of public education that a scheme should be made under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1908, in relation to that endowment, but that there is no power to make a scheme under those Acts in relation thereto, or that the power to make such a scheme is subject to such conditions that it cannot in practice be exercised, he may by order direct that the provisions of those Acts shall have effect in relation to the endowment subject to such modifications, if any, as appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of securing that a scheme may be made in relation to the endowment thereunder.
- (2) Where it appears to the Minister to be desirable that a scheme made under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1908, in relation to any educational endowment should make provision for the sale of any land forming part of the endowment and the application of the proceeds of sale in accordance with the provisions of the scheme, but that such provision cannot be made by reason of the third proviso to section two of the School Sites Act, 1841 (which provides that if any land granted in accordance with the provisions of that section ceases to be used for the purposes mentioned in that Act, the land shall revert to the grantor), he may by order direct that the said proviso shall not have effect in relation to the land:

Provided that no such direction shall be given in relation to any land unless the Minister is satisfied either—

- (a) that the person to whom the land would revert in accordance with the said proviso cannot after due enquiry be found; or
- (b) that, if that person can be found, he has consented to relinquish his rights in relation to the land under the said proviso, and that, if he has consented so to do in consideration of the payment of a sum of money to him, adequate provision can be made for the payment to him of that sum out of the proceeds of sale of the land.
- (3) A scheme made under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1908, in relation to any educational endowment may, where the endowment includes land in respect of which an order has been made under the last foregoing subsection, make provision for the payment out of the proceeds of sale of the land of any sum which is payable to any person in consideration of the relinquishment of his rights in relation to the land under the said proviso.
- (4) Sections thirty-four, thirty-five and thirty-six of the Endowed Schools Act, 1869 (which relate to the period during which objections or suggestions may be made with respect to draft schemes published under that Act), and section thirty-nine of that Act and section thirteen of the Endowed Schools Act, 1873 (which relate to the period within which petitions may be presented to His Majesty in Council against schemes approved under the said Act of 1869) shall have effect as if for the references therein to two months there were substituted references to one month ; and the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1908, shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) In this section, the expression " educational endowment " has the meaning assigned to it by section five of the Endowed Schools Act, 1869.