

Act No. 29, 1901.

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
INSPECTION.
to the inspection of hospitals and other
institutions aided from the Public Revenue.
[31st October, 1901.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Institutions Inspection Short title.
Act, 1901."

2. (1) The Act thirtieth Victoria, number nineteen, is hereby Repeal.
repealed.

(2) All persons appointed under the Act hereby repealed, Saving.
and holding office at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be
deemed to have been appointed hereunder.

3. In this Act, unless the context or subject-matter otherwise Interpretation.
indicates or requires,— 30 Vic. No. 19, s. 1.

"Inspector" means the inspector of public charities.

"Public charity" means any hospital, infirmary, orphan school, or
charitable institution, which is wholly or in part supported
by grants from the public revenue.

Public Institutions Inspection.

Appointment of
inspector.
30 Vic. No. 19, s. 1.
Duties of inspector.
Ibid.

4. The Governor may appoint an inspector of public charities.

5. (1) The inspector, under the instructions of the Colonial Secretary, shall visit and inspect all public charities, and conduct inquiries and examinations in respect to the management of the same.

(2) The Governor may, in special cases, appoint with the inspector any other persons to aid in the performance of the said duties.

(3) All such visits, inspections, inquiries, and examinations shall have reference and be directed solely to the proper appropriation of the public grants in aid and the efficient conduct of such institutions.

Powers of inspector
may be exercised by
the Colonial
Secretary.
Ibid. s. 2.

6. The Colonial Secretary may perform any of the duties and exercise any of the powers of visitation, inspection, inquiry, and examination by this Act conferred upon the inspector.

Public institutions
to be subject to
inspection.
Ibid. s. 3.

7. Every public institution that receives aid from the public revenue shall at all times submit to the inspection and examination of the Government as provided for in this Act, or by any special board or commission of inquiry duly appointed.

Penalty.
Ibid.

8. Any director, trustee, superintendent, master, or officer of such institution, or any other person resisting the inspection and inquiry so authorised by wilfully refusing admission to premises, withholding books or accounts when applied for, or by any other act, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Annual report.
Ibid. s. 4.

9. The inspector or other person performing the duties of inspection as prescribed by the provisions of this Act shall, before the thirty-first day of January in each year, lay before the Governor and Executive Council a detailed report on the condition and working of the several public institutions aforesaid and copies of all such reports shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Persons may be
appointed to inspect
literary institutions.
Ibid. s. 5.

10. The Governor may appoint any magistrate or other person resident in any place where a mechanics' institution, school of arts, public library, literary society, or other similar institution is established, with aid from the public revenue, to visit, inspect, and report upon the state and working of such institution, and the person so appointed shall as to such institution possess all the powers of inspection and inquiry conferred by the provisions of this Act on the inspector.