If the pension arrangements of the acquired undertaking were otherwise than a funded scheme or an insurance scheme (e.g. "ex gratia" payments under customary practice) the Commission are to give an employee who enters their service pension rights the same as, or as good as, the former employer would have given, subject to the same conditions (Reg. 14).

Regulations 4, 5, 7, 12 and 14 contain provisions for the preservation of the accrued pension rights of employees who lose employment as a result of the transfer of the undertaking (in the case of participants in funded or insurance schemes, whether or not they pass into the service of the Commission). The rights are normally to be preserved until the employee reaches pensionable age or until some event occurs which under the rules of his scheme would have entitled him to receive pension, but where the rights are to be preserved by the Commission they may commute their liability for a lump sum payment where the amount involved does not exceed £250 and in certain other circumstances the employee has an option of taking an immediate lump sum. The accrued pension rights to be preserved are reduced if the employee has already received a return of his contributions or has been given a paid-up policy on losing employment, but a participant in a funded scheme may refund the amount received as return of contributions and if he does so his full accrued pension rights are to be restored (Regs. 8 and 12).

Provision is made for the settlement of disputes (Reg. 15).

TRANSPORT CHARGES

1952 No. 2015

The Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952

Made - - - -	20*th November*, 1952
Laid before Parliament	21*st November*, 1952
Coming into Operation	1*st December*, 1952

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 82 of the Transport Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with and consideration of the advice of the permanent members of the Transport Tribunal acting as a consultative committee, the Minister of Transport hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1952, and may be cited as the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the Commission" means the British Transport Commission.

"the principal Regulations" means the Canals (Additional Charges) Regulations, 1950(**b**).

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 49. (**b**) S.I. 1950/704; 1950 II, p. 78.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The additional charges which the Commission are authorised to make in respect of certain of their services and facilities by the principal Regulations, the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951(b) and the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1951(c), shall be increased in accordance with these Regulations.

3. There shall be added to the amount of every additional charge authorised to be made by Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations and ascertained in accordance with the provisions thereof as increased in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 3 of the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951 and of Regulation 3 of the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1951, a sum equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of that charge so increased when added to the amount of any charge by reference to which the first mentioned additional charge is so ascertained ; and the additional charges which the Commission are authorised to make in respect of the said services or facilities shall be correspondingly increased.

4. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to apply to any services or facilities in respect to which a charges scheme is in force.

In this Regulation the expression " charges scheme " has the same meaning as in Section 76 of the Transport Act, 1947.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twentieth day of November, 1952.

(L.S.) *Alan Lennox-Boyd,*
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Canals (Additional Charges) Regulations, 1950, as amended by the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951 and the Canals (Additional Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1951, and authorise the British Transport Commission to make additional charges for their services and facilities in connection with canals and inland navigations equal in amount to 5 per cent. of the charges for the time being in operation.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1951/603; 1951 II, p 5.
(c) S.I. 1951/1296; 1951 II, p. 6.