(2) The final instalment of the grant will not be paid until
(*a*) The Architect's certificate of completion has been received and the Ministry is satisfied that the school is ready for occupation, and
(*b*) the maintenance period prescribed in the contract documents has expired.

17. A school in respect of which a grant has been made under these Regulations shall not be used for political meetings, the transaction of any political business or for any purpose connected directly or indirectly with Parliamentary or Local Government elections except as polling booths on the requisition of the officer responsible in accordance with the statutes governing such elections.

18. A school in respect of which a grant has been paid under these Regulations shall not be used for any purpose outside the scope of the Act or the Youth Welfare, Physical Training and Recreation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1938 to 1947.

19. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education this fourth day of October, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this fourth day of October, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary.

Equipment Grants

REGULATIONS DATED 10TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 47

The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six and Section one hundred and twelve of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Equipment Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland ;

" approved " means approved by the Ministry ;

" school " means a primary, intermediate or special school, not being an independent school or a school under the management of a local education authority ;

" grant " means grant payable, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six of the Act, in respect of the provision of equipment for a school ;

" managers " has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section one hundred and sixteen of the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. For the purpose of these Regulations " equipment " does not include anything for the provision of which a local education authority is responsible or in respect of which payment may be made to the managers by a local education authority or by any Government Department by virtue of any provision of the Act other than subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six.

4. Grant shall not be paid in respect of expenditure incurred on the purchase of equipment unless, before such expenditure is incurred, particulars of the equipment and of the estimated cost thereof have been submitted to and approved by the Ministry.

5.—(1) Applications for grant shall be made in such form, at such times and with such particulars as the Ministry may require.

(2) Payment of grant shall be made to the managers in respect of approved expenditure on the provision of equipment on application to the Ministry for such grant and on the production to the Ministry of satisfactory evidence that such expenditure has been incurred by the Managers and that the equipment in respect of which such expenditure was incurred has been received by the managers in good condition, together with a declaration by the said managers that the equipment

is at least of the standard approved by the Ministry, and that it will be maintained exclusively for purposes for which provision is made in the Act.

6. As a condition for the payment of grant the Ministry may require managers to give an undertaking that in the event of equipment in respect of the cost of which grant is paid ceasing to be used for purposes for which provision is made in the Act, the managers will repay to the Ministry the whole amount of such grant, or such proportion thereof as the Ministry may determine, regard being had to the period during which the said equipment was used for the purposes of the school.

7. Where expenditure on the provision of equipment becomes necessary because of loss or damage caused by the action of any person not acting with the permission of, or under the control of, the managers and it appears that such expenditure or part thereof is recoverable from any person other than the managers, the Ministry shall not pay grant unless it is satisfied that the managers, having made all reasonable efforts to do so, have been unable to secure recovery of an amount which after the payment of any other sums properly payable out of the amount recovered is not sufficient to meet the full cost of making good such loss or damage, and in that event the Ministry may pay grant in respect of the amount by which such expenditure on the provision of equipment exceeds the net amount available to the managers for that purpose out of the amount so recovered.

8. Where as a direct result of the purchase of equipment any existing equipment in a school becomes available for disposal the Ministry may, in the event of the managers applying for grant, take into account the value of the equipment available for disposal in determining the amount of the expenditure on which grant may be paid.

9. The Ministry may refuse to pay grant in respect of expenditure on the provision of equipment where it is satisfied that such expenditure is directly attributable to loss or damage caused by :—

(*a*) the neglect or default of the managers or of any person on the school premises under the control or with the permission of the managers ; or

(*b*) the use of school equipment, the school premises or any part of such premises for purposes other than the purposes of the school.

10. The Ministry may from time to time issue directions, either of a general character or for the purposes of any particular case in connection with any of the following matters relating to applications for, or payment of, grant —

(*a*) the preparation of specifications or estimates ;

(*b*) the invitation of offers or tenders for the provision of equipment ;

(*c*) the placing of contracts or orders for the provision of equipment ;

(*d*) the furnishing of information to the Ministry ;

(*e*) such other matters as appear to the Ministry necessary or desirable for the purposes of these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 10th day of March, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 10th day of March, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary.

External Maintenance Grants

REGULATIONS DATED 10TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 48

The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six and Section one hundred and twelve of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the External Maintenance Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland ;

" approved " means approved by the Ministry ;