8. These Regulations may be cited as the " Education (Representatives on School Management Committees) Regulations, 1948 " and shall take effect as from the date hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of April, 1948, in the presence of

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

Provision of Milk and Meals

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH OCTOBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 289

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 43 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the date hereof.

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

(*a*) " Approved " means approved by the Ministry ;
" Authority " means Local Education Authority ;
" Dinners " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 8 ;
" Equipment " means furniture, plant, apparatus and articles of whatever kind (other than food and drink) required in connection with a school meals service ;
" Inspector " means one of the Ministry's Inspectors or any other person employed by the Ministry for the purpose of Inspection ;
" Managers " has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section 116 of the Act ;
" School Meals Service " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 (1).

(*b*) other expressions which have meanings assigned to them by the Act shall have the same respective meanings for the purpose of these Regulations.

3.—(1) With a view to the provision of milk, meals and other refreshment for pupils as hereafter provided, every authority shall provide for their area, and the managers of each voluntary grammar school shall provide, a service, hereafter called " the school meals service."

(2) The school meals service shall be available for the benefit of day pupils in attendance at all primary, intermediate and special schools and at county and voluntary grammar schools.

4.—(1) The authority or, in the case of a voluntary grammar school, the managers, shall take all such steps as are necessary to ensure that their school meals service is conducted so as to comply with the requirements of these Regulations and for that purpose shall provide or secure the provision of all facilities and materials required for its maintenance.

(2) The facilities so provided shall include premises, equipment and, when necessary, transport to such an extent as may be necessary.

5.—(1) The managers of every school to which this Regulation applies shall afford all such facilities at the school as may be required by the authority for the efficient maintenance of the school meals service and for that purpose shall allow the authority to use the school premises and equipment and to make such alterations to the school buildings, erect such further buildings and do such other work in relation to the school premises as will render them suitable for the purpose of the school meals service.

(2) Where the alteration or erection of buildings or the doing of other work as aforesaid is required only for affording facilities for the school meals service, the expense involved therein shall be borne wholly by the authority in exoneration of such managers.

(3) If in the opinion of the Ministry the use or alteration as aforesaid of any part of the school buildings deprives such managers of the use of the school buildings for essential purposes the authority shall make such provision as may be determined by the Ministry for making good the deficiency.

(4) This Regulation applies to every primary, intermediate or special school not being a school under the management of an authority or an independent school.

6.—(1) All premises used for the school meals service shall be adequate and suitable for that purpose, safe in case of fire, kept in proper state of repair and cleanliness, adequately lighted, heated and ventilated and suitably arranged and equipped.

(2) The equipment of the school meals service shall be kept in a proper state of repair and cleanliness.

(3) The premises and equipment shall be insured against fire and, when necessary, against the risk of explosion, fracture and collapse.

7. The premises, equipment and material used for the school meals service shall be open to inspection by an inspector and the authority

and managers shall afford an inspector all the facilities he requires for informing himself as to the service.

8. Subject as hereinafter provided, upon days on which any school as aforesaid is open for instruction, the authority or managers, as the case may be, shall provide for day pupils in attendance thereat substantial mid-day meals (hereinafter called " dinners ") and milk to drink of such amount as will enable any pupil including boarders to receive not less than one-third and not more than two thirds of a pint on each such day, provided that authorities and managers may also, if they think fit, provide for pupils :—

(*a*) other meals and refreshment upon any such days as aforesaid ; and

(*b*) milk, meals and refreshment upon any other days.

9.—(1) Every dinner shall be adequate in quantity and quality so as to be suitable as the main meal of the day for the pupil, shall be well prepared and cooked, and shall be properly served and in good condition.

(2) The dietary for dinners shall be suitably varied and planned in order to secure nutritionally-balanced meals appropriate to the ages of the pupils and suitable records shall be kept of the amounts of the ingredients used.

(3) Where the Ministry so requires, the authority or managers, as the case may be, shall provide dinners in accordance with an approved dietary which shall specify the ingredients and the amounts thereof to be used.

10.—(1) The source and quality of the milk supplied for drinking shall be approved by the Medical Officer of Health of the County or County Borough in which the school is situated after consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture. If after examination of the milk supplied to any school the Medical Officer of Health is satisfied that the milk would be harmful to the pupils he shall direct that that milk shall not be given to the pupils and shall forthwith inform the Ministry of Agriculture of his direction.

(2) If milk which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Regulation is not available, the Ministry may approve the substitution therefor of an equivalent quantity of full-cream dried milk suitably prepared for drinking, and if the Ministry so approves the authority or managers shall make that substitution.

(3) Milk supplied to pupils in accordance with Regulation 8 shall be provided free of charge to them.

11.—(1) Where meals or other refreshment are provided for pupils whose parents desire that they should receive them, the parent of the pupil shall defray such part of the expense involved as may be charged under this Regulation : provided that if in the opinion of the authority

or managers a parent is unable without financial hardship to pay the whole or part of any sum payable the authority or managers may remit that sum or part therof as the case may be.

(2) (*a*) For a dinner supplied to a pupil the parent shall be charged an amount not exceeding the cost of the food supplied therein ; and

(*b*) for any other meal or refreshment (other than milk supplied under Regulation 8) the charge shall not be less than the cost of the food or drink.

(3) Any reference in this Regulation to the cost of food or drink shall refer to the cost as estimated by the authority or managers.

12. So far as may be consistent with the maintenance of an adequate and suitable school meals service, the authority or managers, as the case may be, shall secure that due economy is observed in the operation of that service.

13. If any pupil avails himself so rarely or irregularly of the benefits of the school meals service that waste or undue expense is involved in catering for him, or if for any other reason the authority or managers consider that it is reasonable so to do, they may exclude him from participation in these benefits.

14.—(1) The authority shall employ an officer as Organiser of school meals and such other officers as are necessary for the efficient conduct of the school meals service ; and the Organiser of school meals shall, subject to any directions of the Ministry, possess suitable qualifications in dietetics and cookery and adequate experience in the planning, preparation and service of meals on a large scale.

(2) The responsible authority shall employ a suitable and adequate staff other than teachers

(*a*) for the preparation, cooking, service, and, where necessary, transport of meals and for washing up and other incidental matters ; and

(*b*) to such an extent as may be necessary, having regard to the power given to the authority and to managers of voluntary schools by the next following Regulation to require teachers to supervise pupils, for supervising pupils at meals.

In this Regulation the expression " responsible authority " means, in the case of a county school or a voluntary primary, intermediate or special school, the local education authority, and, in the case of a voluntary grammar school, the Managers of the school.

15. The authority, or in the case of a voluntary school, the managers, shall ensure that suitable arrangements are made for the supervision and social training of pupils during meals and may require teachers of

any school to supervise pupils partaking of dinners upon days on which the school is open for instruction : provided that

(*a*) no teacher of any school shall be required to perform any service of supervision unless pupils of that school are included among the pupils supervised by the teacher ; and

(*b*) no service by way of supervision shall be required of any teacher and no voluntary assistance to the school meals service shall be given by any teacher, if in the opinion of the authority or managers it would adversely affect the quality of the teaching given by that teacher.

16. If the Ministry decides that in the case of any area or school full compliance with the requirements of these Regulations is not practicable, it may approve such modifications in those requirements as will render them suitable for that area or school.

17. The Interpretation Act 1921 (12 Geo. 5, Ch. 4) 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.

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of October, 1948, in the presence of

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

Registration and Attendance of Pupils

REGULATIONS DATED 19TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 60

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 35, 75 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration and Attendance of Pupils Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall apply only in relation to the registration and attendance at school of children and pupils of compulsory school age.