section two of the Drainage Act (Northern Ireland) 1942, and with the consent of the Minister of Finance, I hereby make the following Order :—

1. The prescribed date referred to in the said sub-section shall be postponed from the thirty-first day of October, Nineteen hundred and forty-four, until the thirty-first day of October, Nineteen hundred and forty-five.

2. This Order may be cited as the Drainage (Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order (Northern Ireland) 1944.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 1944.

William Lowry,
Minister of Home Affairs for
Northern Ireland.

I hereby consent to the foregoing Order.

Dated this tenth day of July, 1944.

J. M. Sinclair,
Minister of Finance for
Northern Ireland.

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REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH JUNE, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (HEREINAFTER CALLED " THE MINISTRY ") UNDER SECTIONS 73, 75, 76 AND 77 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (HEREINAFTER CALLED " THE ACT ") AS AMENDED BY THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1930, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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1.—These Regulations may be cited as " The Parliamentary Grant (Education Authorities) Regulations, 1944-45."

PART I

(Expenses of an Education Authority on services other than the provision of meals and milk).

2.—The grant payable to an Education Authority under this Part of these Regulations in respect of an approved financial scheme shall, for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1945, be such proportion of the expenditure incurred thereunder as is represented by two-thirds of the amount of the said expenditure remaining after deducting therefrom the following :—

(*a*) Grants received from the Ministry under other Regulations of the Ministry or from any other Department of the Government of Northern Ireland except :

(i) grants received under the provisions of the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, as amended by the Local Government (Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, and

(ii) grants received towards expenditure which was approved on the condition that it should not rank for the grant under these Regulations.

(*b*) (1) Income from school fees received from pupils of technical schools, provided and transferred preparatory, intermediate and secondary schools, and provided public elementary schools.

(2) Income from school fees received from pupils of transferred public elementary schools, except in so far as that income shall be applied, in accordance with Article (2) (*b*) of the School Fees Compensation (Education Authorities) Regulations, 1926, in reduction of the amount upon which the grant from the Ministry under these Regulations is calculated.

(*c*) Income from Endowments or other public funds applicable to expenditure under approved schemes.

(*d*) Income from any other source held by the Ministry to be income which ought to be applied to educational purposes.

(*e*) Contributions payable by the Education Authority under any scheme or schemes framed under Section 70 of the Act for the superannuation of teachers.

(*f*) Payments made under any approval on the condition that they should not rank for the purposes of the grant under these Regulations.

(*g*) Expenditure on courses conducted under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 and 1938.

(*h*) Expenditure in respect of which grants are payable by the Ministry under the provisions of the Youth Welfare, Physical Training and Recreation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1938 and

1944, and the Education (Emergency Provisions) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1940 and 1942.

(*i*) Expenditure on the provision of meals and milk towards which grants are payable under the provisions of Part II of these Regulations.

Provided that—

The maximum grant payable by the Ministry under this Part of these Regulations shall not in any case exceed an amount equal to two-thirds of the sum that would be realisable by a rate of 1s. in the pound on the entire net annual value of the hereditaments as shown in the valuation lists in the area of the Education Authority to which the grant is payable.

PART II

(Expenses of an Education Authority on the provision of meals and milk).

3.—Grants at the rates specified in this Article shall be payable to an Education Authority in respect of approved expenditure incurred within the financial year 1944-45 on the provision of meals and milk for children in attendance at public elementary schools :—

(1) 90% of the net cost of meals (including overhead charges) for necessitous children ;

(2) 90% of the net cost of overhead charges for meals for children who are not deemed necessitous ;

(3) 100% of the net cost of providing free milk, including incidental expenses, for necessitous children ;

(4) 100% of the incidental expenses involved in the supply of milk to children who are not deemed necessitous.

4.—For the purpose of determining the net cost under the preceding Article, there shall be deducted from the expenditure approved by the Ministry any sums received by an Education Authority which are deemed by the Ministry to be appropriate to the provision of meals and milk.

5.—(i) The Ministry will undertake the provision of kitchens and/or ancillary buildings free of cost to an Education Authority for the purpose of providing meals for day pupils but if it is found to be more convenient and economical for the Education Authority to carry out the work, such expenditure for this purpose as may be approved by the Ministry shall be recouped in full to the Authority.

(ii) This arrangement shall not apply to the provision of sites save in the case of Public Elementary Schools, where the grant will be at the rate of 90 per cent. of the expenditure.

6.—Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry that the circumstances are so exceptional as to render it necessary to provide dining accommodation, the arrangements prescribed in the preceding Article shall apply in respect of the provision of such accommodation.

7.—Expenditure incurred by an Education Authority with the approval of the Ministry on the improvement of facilities at dining centres or schools at which meals are served will be re-imbursed in full by the Ministry.

8.—The initial equipment and replacement thereof as may be approved by the Ministry for school kitchens, sculleries, canteens and the service of meals will be supplied free of cost to the Authority.

Provided that where the Ministry is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances and that it is both more convenient and economical for the Authority to obtain items of equipment by direct purchase, the Ministry may make a grant at the rate of 100% in respect of such expenditure thereon as may be approved.

9.—The arrangements in this Part of these Regulations in regard to the provision of kitchens shall apply only in respect of expenditure incurred after the 1st March, 1943.

10.—The provision of premises and equipment under the terms of this Part of these Regulations shall be subject to the condition that an Education Authority must undertake responsibility for the proper maintenance and repair thereof. Approved expenditure thereon in the case of public elementary schools shall be deemed to be overhead charges for the purpose of the grant payable under Article 3 hereof and in the case of schools other than public elementary schools the expenditure may be included in the overhead charges in respect of which a special meal grant may be payable by the Ministry.

PART III

(General)

11.—For the purpose of determining the maximum grant payable to an Education Authority under these Regulations, the grants payable under Part II shall be ignored.

12.—The grants payable under Parts I and II of these Regulations shall be paid in such portions and at such time as the Ministry may deem proper.

13.—Except as provided at Article 9, these Regulations shall only apply to grants payable in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945.

14.—Where an Education Authority by reason of its own default in any year has not obtained any grant or aid which in the absence of such default would have been received by the Education Authority, then and in every such case such grants or aids shall, for the purpose of calculating the grants payable under these Regulations, be brought into consideration and deducted from the approved expenditure as if they had actually been obtained by the Authority.

15.—Payments made in respect of capital expenditure incurred on works or equipment, whether such payments are made by way of interest on, or repayment of, loans obtained to meet such expenditure or otherwise, shall not rank as part of the expenditure under the approved financial scheme of an Education Authority unless the expenditure on such works or equipment was incurred under the lowest tender received therefor by the Education Authority, or unless the Ministry in any case authorises such capital expenditure to be incurred otherwise than as aforesaid.

Provided, however, that the terms of this Article shall not apply to payments made in respect of capital expenditure incurred under contracts entered into by an Education Authority prior to 1st December, 1927.

16.—Where payment of grants received from the Ministry or from any other Department of the Government of Northern Ireland has been postponed from one financial year to another, the Ministry shall make such adjustments as may seem to it proper.

17.—For the purpose of these Regulations the expression " Education Authority " includes the Council of a borough or urban county district which is making separate provision for technical instruction under Part IV of the Act in that district in accordance with the financial scheme approved by the Ministry.

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 19th day of June, 1944, in the presence of

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

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed thereto, this 22nd day of June, 1944, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed) *W. B. Spender,*
Secretary.