1975 No. 270

PENSIONS

Pensions Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *26th September* 1975

Coming into operation . . *1st December* 1975

The Department(**a**) of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(3) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1975.

2. The provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall in relation to the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**) apply to a pension payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943(**d**) whatever the date of its beginning and whether beginning before or after the coming into operation of these regulations as if it were a pension beginning before 1st July 1974.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 26th September 1975.

(L.S.) *J. Armstrong*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. 1975 No. 269
(d) 1943 c. i (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 provides for percentage increases in the rates of various public service pensions, the amount of the percentage depending on the date of the beginning of the pension as defined in section 8(2) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971. The pensions payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943 are flat-rate pensions and special provision has for some time been made for them in pension increase regulations. These regulations continue the same provision so that all such pensions which come into payment after 1st July 1974 will be treated as having begun before 1st July 1974 and so will qualify for the 1975 pension increase at the rate for which they would have qualified had they begun in 1943, when the rate of pension was fixed.