(*b*) In the case of classes conducted under Article 152 (*b*) the following shall be substituted for the provisions contained in sub-clause (a) (ii) of this Article : a sum calculated at the rate of 5s. 0d. for each eligible girl pupil who has attended at least twenty-six lessons of not less than one and a half hours' each or any equivalent amount of instruction and during such attendance was enrolled in fifth or higher standard or had reached the age of twelve years."

14. Teachers in the service on 1st July, 1937, and teachers temporarily out of the service on that date but who afterwards re-enter the service, shall be placed on the scales of salaries set forth in the foregoing regulations at the incremental position corresponding to that which would have been their incremental position on 1st July, 1937, or on the date of re-entry into the service (as the case may be) on the scales in force up to 30th June, 1937, had the latter scales remained in force.

15. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations and they shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1937.

16. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1937.

Given under the seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 18th day of June, 1937.

(L.S.) (Signed), *A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,*
Secretary.

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH OCTOBER, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1935, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

1937. No. 87.

The Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1934, No. 40), as amended by the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1935, Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1936, Amending Regulations, No. 3, 1936, Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1937, and Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1937 (Statutory

Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1935, No. 69 ; 1936, No. 83 ; 1936, No. 159 ; 1937, No. 17, and 1937, No. 57, respectively), which Regulations as so amended are herein referred to as " The Principal Regulations," are hereby amended as follows :—

1. Article 54 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following article substituted therefor :—

54.—(*a*) The maximum number of assistants, including vice-principals, which may be recognised in any large school in each year beginning on 1st July shall be determined by the average daily attendance for the year ended on the preceding 31st March, and, except as otherwise provided in this article, shall be in accordance with the " appointment average " prescribed in Clause (*d*).

(*b*) The grant in respect of an assistant teacher shall not be withdrawn owing to a decrease in average daily attendance until either—

(1) the average daily attendance for a year ended on 31st March is less than the appropriate " retention average " prescribed in Clause (*d*) ; or

(2) the average daily attendance for each of two consecutive years ended on 31st March is less than the appropriate " appointment average " prescribed in Clause (*d*).

In either of these events, except as provided in Clause (*c*), the grant in respect of the assistant concerned shall be withdrawn from the following 30th June.

(*c*) If it is claimed that the average daily attendance in respect of any year ended on 31st March has been affected by the occurrence of epidemic disease or other exceptional cause, the Ministry may, if satisfied that the claim should be admitted, decide what would have been the average attendance had such epidemic disease or other exceptional cause not occurred, and the average attendance so revised shall be regarded as the average attendance of the school for the year in question :

Provided that such revised average attendance shall only be applied to determine whether grants may be continued for an additional period to the maximum number of assistants warranted by the average attendance for the year ended on 31st March immediately prior to the year so affected ; and provided that in no circumstances shall the date for the withdrawal of the grant to an assistant be postponed beyond the 30th June following the third consecutive year in which the appropriate " appointment average " has not actually been reached.

(*d*) The " appointment " and " retention " averages shall be as follows :—

Assistant.	Minimum average attendance for year ended on the perceding 31st March.		Assistant.	Minimum average attendance for year ended on the preceding 31st March.	
	"Appointment Average."	"Retention Average."		"Appointment Average."	"Retention Average."
7th	320	310	16th	685	645
8th	365	355	17th	725	685
9th	405	395	18th	765	725
10th	445	430	19th	805	765
11th	485	470	20th	845	805
12th	525	505	and so on, with an increase of 40 for each additional assistant in both the "appointment average" and the "retention average."		
13th	565	540			
14th	605	575			
15th	645	610			

(*e*) Where instruction in one or more of the following subjects, viz., Domestic Economy, Handwork, Horticulture, Nature Study, Elementary Science, is given by public elementary school teachers on the staff of the school in special rooms suitably and properly equipped, the number of assistants may be increased by one if there has been an average daily attendance for the year ended on the preceding 31st March of not less than 250 pupils in fourth and higher standards, by two if the same average attendance has been not less than 500, and by three if it has been not less than 750 pupils. These figures shall be both the "appointment" and "retention" averages for these extra assistants.

(*f*) A school shall not be entitled to the maximum number of assistants allowed by this article unless the Ministry is satisfied that the accommodation is such as to provide adequate teaching facilities for all the members of the staff.

(*g*) Notwithstanding any cancellation of grants which under the terms of the superseded rules may have taken place from 30th June, 1937, consequent upon the insufficiency of the average attendance for the year ended 31st March, 1937, the number of assistants recognised in any school in the year ended 30th June, 1937, may continue to be recognised in the year ending on 30th June, 1938, provided that the appropriate "retention average" was reached for the year ended 31st March, 1937, or would have been reached if the average daily attendance had not been affected by the occurrence of epidemic disease or other exceptional cause.

2. Articles 55 and 56 of the Principal Regulations shall be repealed with effect from 15th January, 1938.

3. Article 57 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed.

4. Clause (*c*) of Article 66 of the Principal Regulations shall, in so far as it is applicable to the recognition of men teachers, cease to have effect during the period from 1st October, 1937, to 31st December, 1938. Recognition shall not be withdrawn from any assistant teacher on or after the expiration of this period solely on the ground that the suspension of the rule as provided in thissection has ceased to have effect.

5. These regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations and they shall take and have effect from 1st October, 1937, except as otherwise provided herein.

6. These regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations No. 6, 1937.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this sixth day of October, 1937, in the presence of—

(L.S.) (Signed), *A. N. Bonaparte Wyse*,
Secretary.

Secondary and Preparatory Schools : Teachers' Superannuation.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1937, APPROVING TEACHER'S SUPERANNUATION SCHEME FRAMED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN PURSUANCE OF SECTIONS 70 AND 71 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1937. No. 117.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

ABERCORN.

WHEREAS a Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Scheme"), dated the 11th day of March, 1925, was framed by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the Ministry of Education, in pursuance of Section 70 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1923"), and was approved by Order in Council on the 29th day of May, 1925 :

And whereas the Principal Scheme was amended by Amending Scheme dated the 17th day of May, 1926, the 25th day of November, 1929, and the 15th day of October, 1936, which were approved by Orders in Council on the 29th day of July, 1926, the 27th day of January, 1930, and the 23rd day of November, 1936, respectively :

And whereas the Principal Scheme as so amended is hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Scheme as amended" :