(2) The first, or second, bedroom.

Provided that, in the case of the first, or second, bedroom, it shall be permissible to substitute for a fireplace, or other fixed means of heating, an electric or gas service connection, to which a heating appliance can be conveniently connected.

Where the principal means of heating proposed is otherwise than by the use of solid fuel, the provision of fireplaces as above may not be required, but, in any such case, specific approval shall be sought to the system proposed."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of :—.

(L.S.) *Ronald Green*,
Assistant Secretary.

Small Dwellings Acquisition — Rate of Interest

ORDER, DATED 17TH JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION FIVE OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1921.

1948. No. 10

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by section five of the Housing Act, 1921, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby orders as follows :—

1. The rate of interest on advances to be made under section one of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, on or after the 17th day of January, 1948, shall be three and one-quarter per centum per annum:

Provided that nothing in this Order shall affect the rate of interest on any advance made or to be made or expenses incurred or to be incurred in respect of contracts entered into or applications granted under the said section prior to the 17th day of January, 1948.

2. The Rates of Interest (Housing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1946 (a), made by the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland on the 12th day of November, 1946, is hereby revoked.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1946 No. 207.

3. This Order may be cited as the Rate of Interest (Housing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this seventeenth day of January one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight in the presence of

(L.S.) *Ronald Green*,
Assistant Secretary.

Approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 17th day of January one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

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

Housing Subsidy Order

ORDER, DATED 30TH OCTOBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE HOUSING (No. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1948. No. 316

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by section one of the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of every other power it thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Order :—

1. In the Housing Subsidy Order (Northern Ireland), 1946 (a), as amended by the Housing Subsidy Order (Northern Ireland) 1947 (b), (which provides for the number and amount of contributions payable—

(*a*) by the Ministry to a local authority under section one of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1945 ") ;

(*b*) by a local authority to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account under section two of the Act of 1945 ;

(*c*) by the Ministry to the Northern Ireland Housing Trust under subsections (1) and (2) of section sixteen of the Act of 1945 ; or

(*d*) by the Ministry to a housing association under the said section one of the Act of 1945 as applied to housing associations by

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1946, No. 205. (b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 179.