5. CLERICAL ALLOWANCE.

Station sergeants in the City of Belfast, the Station Sergeant, Londonderry, Sergeants employed as principal Clerks to County Inspectors, Commandant at Depot and Commissioners of Belfast and Londonderry, two Sergeants employed at the Inspector General's Head Quarters and the Assistant Storekeeper at the Depot if a Sergeant, shall receive on allowance of £1 per month; and District Inspector's Clerks permanently employed as principal Clerks in Belfast and Londonderry, shall receive £1 per month in lieu of special promotion, and when promoted in the ordinary course shall revert to ordinary duty. The post of District Inspector's clerk shall not be held by a Sergeant.

6. GENERAL.

For the purposes of this Order (1) an unmarried man who resides with his widowed mother and is her sole support or (2) a widower who has one or more children under 16 years of age residing with him will be treated as a married man. When such child or children have reached the age of 16 and where the circumstances of the case warrant such a procedure, continued payment of allowance may be made at the discretion of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Cases of widowers who have one or more children living apart from them or of married members of the Force who live apart from their wives under the terms of a legal separation or, generally, who have not necessarily to provide accommodation for their wives and/or children will be dealt with on their merits, and allowance will be withheld or varied at the discretion of the Ministry of Home Affairs according to circumstances.

Pensions (Amending) Order.

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, AND BY SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE SAID ACT OF 1922.

1925. No. 16.

Articles 7 and 13 of the said Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923, shall be cancelled as from the date hereof and that the Articles subjoined hereto be substituted in lieu thereof:

And it is hereby certified that sub-section 2 of Section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, which provides that a draft of any Order proposed to be made under the said Section shall be submitted to the representative body or bodies constituted by the Act, and representing any rank or ranks affected, and that before making the Order the Ministry of Home Affairs shall consider any representations made by such body or bodies, has been fully observed.

This Order may be cited as the ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY PENSION ORDER, 1925, and shall be construed as one with the ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY PENSIONS ORDER, 1923.

(Signed)

R. Dawson Bates,

Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.
30th January, 1925.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE HUGH M'DOWELL POLLOCK, MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, hereby signify my concurrence in the foregoing Order and Schedule thereto.

(Signed)
H. M. Pollock,
Minister of Finance for
Northern Ireland.

30th January, 1925.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ORDER.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES.

1. The Pensions, allowances amd gratuities payable under this Order shall be awarded by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance and shall be in accordance with the scale and provisions in the First Schedule hereto, and the general rules contained in Part III. of that Schedule shall apply to such pensions, allowances and gratuities:

Provided that where a member of the force, or any widow, child or dependant of a member of the force receives any compensation in respect of the injury or death of the member, whether awarded under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts or awarded or paid otherwise, such compensation may be taken into account in assessing any pension, allowance or gratuity payable in respect of such injury or death, and such pension, allowance or gratuity may be reduced, suspended or disallowed accordingly, and where the compensation is received after assessment it may be taken into account and the assessment may be amended or cancelled accordingly, but no such reduction, suspension, disallowance, amendment or cancellation will be made in the case of an injury in respect of which an award under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts is made where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance that in assessing such compensation the Court had cognisance of the fact that a pension or gratuity had been or would be awarded under the terms of this Order without reference to the decision of the Court on such claim for compensation.

Provided also that where a member of the force or any widow, child or dependant of a member of the force is entitled to or is already in receipt of any pension, allowance or gratuity from the Imperial Government in respect of the incapacity or death of such member resulting from service in the Navy, Army or Air Force or has commuted such pension or allowance or any part thereof, the amount of such pension, allowance or gratuity may be taken into consideration in the assessment of any pension, allowance or gratuity under this Order, and such pension, allowance or gratulty may be reduced, suspended or disallowed accordingly, if, in all the circumstances of the case, it seems equitable so to do.

This Article shall have effect and shall be deemed to have had effect from the date of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY WHO JOIN THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

2. Without prejudice to the Memorandum of Agreement dated 13th March, 1923, entitled "Royal Irish Constabulary, Apportionment of Pensions, Compensation Allowances and Gratuities," made between the British Government and the Government of Northern Ireland and confirmed by the Joint Exchequer Board on the 3rd day of April, 1923, under the provisions of Section 32 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, as amended by the First Schedule to the Irish Free State (Con-

sequential Provisions) Act, 1922 (Section 2), the following provisions shall apply to members of the force who joined the force prior to 1st November, 1922, after disbandment from the Royal Irish Constabulary;

(1) In the calculation of pensions or gratuities payable to such members, or of the pensions, allowances and gratuities payable to their widows and children and dependants the following methods shall be adopted :—

(*a*) When the member retires, approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force combined shall be reckoned for purposes of pension, and from the amount of pension arrived at by such reckoning, hereinafter termed the gross pension, there shall be deducted the amount of compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance, if any, shall be the amount of pension to be awarded in respect of service in the force.

When the combined service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force so calculated does not entitle the member to a pension, no pension or gratuity shall be awarded in addition to the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment.

(*b*) When the member retires during the term of years which represent the added years granted on disbandment, and with a higher rank than that which he held on disbandment, to the gross pension calculated as in Sub-Section (*a*) of this Article there shall be added the proportion of the disbandment allowance attributable to the number of added years granted on disbandment which have not been served in the force and from the sum of the amounts so arrived at, there shall be deducted the amount of the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance shall be the amount of pension to be awarded in respect of servixe in the force.

(*c*) Where the member dies, approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force combined shall be reckoned for the purpose of calculating the pension, allowance or gratuity to his widow and children and from the amount of such pension, allowance or gratuity, as the case may be, arrived at by such reckoning, there shall be dedcted the amount of pension, allowance or gratuity to which the widow and children may be entitled under the provisions of Rule 4, of Part I. of the Schedule to the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922, and the balance, if any, shall be the amount to be awarded in respect of the deceased's service in the force. When the combined service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force so calculated does not entitle the widow and children to pension, allowance or gratuity, no pension, allowance or gratuity shall be awarded in addition to the grant made under the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922.

This Article shall have effect and shall be deemed to have had effect from the date of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

(2) For all purposes of pension, gratuity or allowances under this Section, and for all other purposes of this Order, service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and the force shall be reckoned as continuous service even though a period shall elapse between the date of disbandment and the date of enlistment in the force;

Provided, however, that such period, not having been served in either force, shall not be reckoned when calculating combined service.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT SUBSEQUENT TO DISCHARGE OF PENSION.

3. Where a member of the force has been awarded a pension in consequence of an injury received on duty without his own default, and the Ministry is satisfied on the evidence of some duly qualified medical practitioner or practitioners selected by it with the approval of the Ministry of Finance that the member's state of health resulting from such injury, necessitates treatment in hospital subsequent to his discharge on pension, payment of hospital expenses may be made by the Ministry subject to such terms and conditions, including temporary re-assessment of pension, as may be determined from time to time by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance.