Inspector-General

Deputy Inspector-General

Commissioner of the County Borough of Belfast

County Inspector

Commissioner of the County Borough of Londonderry

Medical Officer of the force

Barrack Master of the Depot

District Inspector, Class 1

District Inspector, Class 2

District Inspector, Class 3

Head Constable

Sergeant

Constable

SECOND SCHEDULE.

RULES WITH RESPECT TO DEDUCTIONS FROM APPROVED SERVICE FOR SICKNESS, MISCONDUCT, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

(a) A member of the force who on account of illness or for other cause (not being an injury suffered in the execution of his duty) is allowed leave of absence or suspended, and who does not subsequently resume the performance of his regular duties for one month at least, is not entitled to have the time of such absence or suspension reckoned as part of his period of approved service.

(b) A member of the force who is suspended for a week, or longer, on account of misconduct is not entitled to have the time of such suspension reckoned as part of his period of approved service unless he is reinstated with pay during suspension.

(c) A member of the force who is absent from duty without leave is not entitled to have the time of absence reckoned as part of his period of approved service.

Representative Bodies, Establishment of.

RULES UNDER THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, (NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 36.

WHEREAS BY THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, it is amongst other things enacted that for the

purpose of enabling the members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police to consider and bring to the notice of the Chief Officer and of the Lord Lieutenant all the matters affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than questions of discipline and promotion affecting individuals, there shall be established in each force, in accordance with rules made by the Lord Lieutenant, a representative body or bodies for all or each of the ranks below the rank of Assistant-Inspector-General in the case of the Royal Irish Constabulary, consisting of representatives elected by the members of the ranks or rank represented from amongst their number in manner prescribed by those rules; and that each representative body shall be entirely independent of and unassociated with any body or person outside the force which it represents; and it is thereby further provided that, subject as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for a member of either police force to become, or after the expiration of one month from the passing of the said Act, to be a member of any trade union, or of any association of which the objects or one of the objects are or is to control or influence the pay, pensions, or conditions of service of any police force; and any member of either force who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified for continuing to be a member of the force; and if any member of either force continues to act as such after becoming so disqualified he shall forfeit all pension rights and be disqualified for being thereafter employed in any police force; provided that, where a man was a member of a trade union before becoming a member of the force, he may, with the consent of the Chief Officer, continue to be a member of that union during the time of his service in the force; and that if any question arises whether any body or association is a trade union or association to which this section applies, the question shall be determined by the Lord Lieutenant.

And Whereas it is further enacted by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, Section 1, sub-section 3, that the enactments relating to the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the management and control of that force, shall, subject as in the said Act provided, apply to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and the management and control thereof, as if enacted in the Act.

And Whereas it is further enacted by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, Section 2, Sub-Section 1, that the Lord Lieutenant may appoint and remove each officer and constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but all other powers, which in relation to the Royal Irish Constabulary were exercisable by the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Lieutenant in Council, shall, in relation to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, be vested in and exercisable by the Minister (therein defined by Section 9 as the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland) and in the enactments applied to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the management and control thereof the Minister shall, except as in the Act provided, be substituted for the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Lieutenant in Council as the case requires.

Now therefore I, the Right Honourable Sir Richard Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, as applied by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and of every other power me in that behalf enabling, do hereby make the following rules:—

(1)—There shall be established in that Force in accordance with these rules, a Representative Body for County and District Inspectors, and a Representative Body for Head Constables, Sergeants and Constables, consisting of representatives elected by the members of the ranks represented from amongst their number in the manner prescribed by these Rules.

(2)—The Representative Body for County and District Inspectors shall consist of one County Inspector and three District Inspectors, constituted as follows :—

County Inspectors.—The County Inspectors will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body. For the purpose of this section the Commissioner of Police, Belfast, who will be regarded as a County Inspector, or in his absence the Senior County Inspector, will make the necessary arrangements for the election of the County Inspector to act on the Representative Body.

District Inspectors.—The District Inspectors serving in the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number ; the District Inspectors serving in the counties of Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Londonderry, and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number, and the District Inspectors serving in the Counties of Antrim, Armagh and Down, will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

(3)—The Representative Body for Head Constables, Sergeants, and Constables shall consist of two Head Constables, three Sergeants, and five Constables, constituted as follows :—

Head Constables.—The Head Constables of the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number and the Head Constables of the Six Counties and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

Sergeants.—The Sergeants of the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number, the Sergeants of the Counties of Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number, and the Sergeants of the Counties of Antrim, Down and Armagh will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

Constables.—The Constables in the County Borough of Belfast will elect two of their number, the Constables of the Counties of Fermanagh and Tyrone will elect one of their number, the Constables of the Counties of Antrim and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry will elect one of their number, and the Constables of Armagh and Down will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

(4) (*a*)—The method of selection will be by nomination and election.

(*b*)—Candidates for election on the Representative Body must be nominated and seconded by persons of the same rank who will sign the printed nomination papers.

(*c*)—Such nominations must be lodged with the Senior County Inspector of the Area to which they are applicable, at least 10 clear days prior to the election.

(*d*)—The Senior County Inspector of each Area, having received the nominations will prepare lists (one for each rank) showing the rank, surname, christian name or names, and stations of the candidates, together with the names of their Proposers and Seconders, and cause such lists to be exhibited at each station in the Area to which men of similar rank are attached, not less than 3 clear days previous to the date of the election.

(*e*)—On the day of the election each member of the Force will vote for the candidate or candidates (where more than one representative is to be elected) he prefers by writing the name or names of such candidate or candidates on the voting papers supplied, and placing the same in a sealed envelope and then writing his own name and rank on the back of the envelope, and lodging same with the person in charge of the station. The hours for voting shall be between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

(*f*)—Members of the Force on leave or absent on duty from their Area are entitled to vote for representatives for their own Area only, but the onus is placed on them to have their votes, recorded as in (*e*), lodged with the District Inspector of their District prior to the close of the poll. Such votes may be despatched prior to the opening of the poll and should be enclosed in a second covering envelope.

(*g*)—County Inspectors will forward their votes, recorded as in (*e*), and enclosed in a second covering envelope, to the Commissioner, Belfast, or in his absence to the Senior County Inspector so as to arrive with him prior to the closing of the poll. Such votes may be despatched prior to the opening of the poll.

(*h*)—At 8 p.m. on the close on the poll, the envelopes should be forwarded by the person in charge of the station in a sealed packet to the District Inspector of the District, who will forward on the day following the election, such packets unopened, and enclosed in one large envelope, to the County Inspector of his County, who will then proceed to count the votes recorded, in the presence of scrutineers appointed from the Headquarters Station, one for each rank.

The voting papers having been duly counted will be sealed up in envelopes, again in the presence of the scrutineers, and will be retained by the County Inspector for a period of 28 days, after which they will be destroyed.

(*j*)—The County Inspector will then forward the result of the voting, signed by himself and the scrutineers, to the Senior County Inspector of the Area concerned, who will add together the number of votes recorded for each candidate in each County of the Area, again in the presence of scrutineers appointed from the Headquarters Station, one for each rank, and will declare which candidate is elected.

(*k*)—The County Inspector and the scrutineers being satisfied as to the result of the election, the names of the candidates and the number of votes recorded for each shall be circulated to each station in the Area.

(*l*)—In the case of equality in the number of votes recorded in favour of any two or more candidates and those candidates are unable to come to an agreement between themselves, the matter shall be referred to the Inspector General with a view to a fresh election taking place to decide which of the two or more interested candidates shall become the representative or representatives.

(*m*)—No person shall control, direct, influence, or in any other way interfere with or cause to be controlled, directed, influenced, or interfered with, the nomination or election of a Representative.

(5)—For the purpose of all these elections the Depot will be deemed to be part of the County in which it is situated, and the Headquarters of the Inspector General as part of the County Borough of Belfast.

(6) The representatives of the various ranks shall not cease to be members for the area for which elected, even if transferred to another area, and vacancies shall not arise save in the case of a representative leaving the Force, changing rank, or resignation from the Representative Body. Casual vacancies so arising shall be filled under the foregoing rules by members of the Force of the rank and in the area where the vacancy occurred.

(7)—The Representative Bodies may make application to the Inspector General for any information they desire to obtain with a view to assist them in their deliberations.

(8)—Each Representative Body shall choose its Chairman and Secretary from among its own members. Where there is an equality of votes regarding any point which may be under consideration, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(9)—Leave (not to count against annual leave) shall be given for attendance at the Meetings of the Representative Bodies, and every such attendance shall, as regards allowances and expenses, be deemed to be an occasion of Police duty.

(10)—The elections shall take place annually in the month of September, the retiring members being eligible for re-election, and annual Meetings of the Representative Bodies shall be held in the month of October, on a date and at a place to be fixed by the Inspector General. Meetings for special purposes shall be held as occasion arises and on such dates and at such places as the Inspector General may determine. No meetings of the Representative Bodies are to extend beyond three days, save by the sanction of the Inspector General.

(11)—The two Representative Bodies may by agreement sit together as a joint Representative Body for any special purpose, or regularly for all purposes of common interest. They may also be summoned to sit as a joint Representative Body by the Inspector General for the consideration of any question referred to them by him.

Signed this 20th day of July, 1923.

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.