of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations in regard to the payment by the Ministry of grants or instruction of public elementary school pupils in extra and special subjects.

1. From and after the 30th day of June, 1933, section 6 of the Regulations for Instruction of Public Elementary School Pupils in Extra and Special Subjects, 1932 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1932, No. 113) shall be amended by omitting therefrom the words—"3. Irish .. 9s. .. 45" in the last line of the section from which date the said words shall cease to operate or have effect; Provided, however, that the Ministry shall have power to pay grants as in the said section provided for instruction in Irish given in accordance with the said Regulations during the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1933.

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Amending Regulations for Instruction of Public Elementary School Pupils in Extra and Special Subjects, No. 1, 1933.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 8th day of June, 1933.

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

Public Elementary Schools : Staffing.

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH FEBRUARY, 1933, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 99 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, AND LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF THAT SECTION OF THE ACT AFORESAID.

1933. No. 24.

The Regulations for Staffing Public Elementary Schools, Northern Ireland, 1928 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1928, No. 41) as amended by the Regulations for Staffing Public Elementary Schools (Northern Ireland) 1928, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1929, Amending Regulations No. 2, 1930, and Amending Regulations No. 3, 1930 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1929, No. 162; 1930, No. 62; and 1930, No. 146 respectively) which Regulations as so amended are herein referred to as "The Principal Regulations" are hereby amended by the addition of the following regulations :—

1. For the purpose of these Regulations—
   (*a*) A "*large school*" is defined to be a public elementary school, other than one conducted by members of religious communities and paid by capitation grant,

in which the average attendance for the preceding year ending on 31st March, or such shorter period as may be sanctioned by the Ministry, is not less than 365.

(*b*) The "*enrolment*" in any quarter is defined to be the number of pupils whose names were duly enrolled on the school roll on any of the first five days during which the school was in operation in that quarter and who have been in attendance on at least two of these five days provided that if the first five days of operation in any quarter are interrupted by vacation or other closing extending over three or more consecutive school days the determination of the "enrolment" shall be deferred until the end of the first five days of operation which are free from such interruption.

2. The maximum number of assistant teachers which may be recognised in any school year beginning 1st July in any "large school," hereinafter called permanent assistants, shall be in accordance with the scale prescribed in Article 3 (*a*) of the Principal Regulations as herein defined, provided however that the minimum average daily attendance therein specified shall be taken to mean the average daily attendance for the year ending on the previous 31st March and provided also that if instruction in practical subjects is given in special rooms suitably and properly equipped the number of permanent assistants authorised by that scale so applied may be increased by one if there has been an average daily attendance for the same yearly period of 500 pupils in fourth and higher standards.

3. Additional assistants, hereinafter called temporary assistants, may be appointed if after substracting 25 from the "enrolment" in any quarter the quotient obtained by dividing the remainder by 50 is greater than the number of permanent assistants allowable under Article 2 hereof. The maximum number of temporary assistants to be allowed shall be the difference (neglecting fractions of one) between this quotient and the number of permanent assistant teachers determined in accordance with Article 2 hereof, excluding any additional permanent assistant allowed in accordance with the last proviso to the said Article.

4.—(*a*) A temporary assistant who has not served in a school up to the end of any quarter shall not be recognised in that school from any date in the succeeding quarter prior to the first of the five days used in the determination of the "enrolment."

(*b*) If in any quarter the "enrolment" in a school staffed under this system is insufficient to warrant the continued recognition of any temporary teacher employed in the school in the previous quarter salary may be paid to the teacher for any period not exceeding 14 days from the first of the five days used in the determination of the "enrolment" provided he continued to serve in the school during that period.

5. This system of staffing shall be applicable to all "large schools" but shall not be applied to any existing school until—

(*a*) the appointment of an additional assistant can be sanctioned,

or

(*b*) a vacancy for a permanent assistant occurs which can be filled in accordance with these regulations.

6. A school, once staffed under this system, shall continue thereunder until the average attendance has fallen below 320 for any year ending on 31st March and the school shall cease to be staffed as a "large school" from the beginning of the following school year.

7. The execution of an agreement specified in Articles 22, 23, and 24 of the Regulations for Recognition, Management, Inspection, etc., of Public Elementary Schools, 1929 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1929, No. 57), shall not be required in the case of persons appointed as temporary teachers under these Regulations.

8. Subject to Articles 18 (*d*) and 21 (*a*) of the Principal Regulations as herein defined, a teacher who has not completed his probation shall not be recognised as an assistant on the permanent staff of a large school for the instruction of pupils of fourth and higher standards unless he has graduated in a British or Irish University at the conclusion of a four year course of training.

9. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations as herein defined, provided that when, and so long as, the system of staffing herein prescribed is applied to a school, Articles 3 (*a*) and (*d*), 5 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), 6 (*a*) and (*c*), 7 (*a*), and any other provisions contained in the Principal Regulations which are inconsistent with these Regulations shall cease to be applicable to that school.

10. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April, 1933, but may at the discretion of the Ministry be allowed to take effect in any school as from any date not earlier than 1st July, 1932.

11. These Regulations may be cited as the "Regulations for Staffing Public Elementary Schools, Northern Ireland, 1928, Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1933."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this twenty-fifth day of February, 1933.

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