33. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these regulations or as to any claim, right, or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 16th day of October, 1923.

L. McQuibban,
(L.S.) Secretary.

Teachers' Pension.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND TEACHERS' PENSION RULES, 1923, DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1923, MADE BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS (IRELAND) ACT, 1879 (42 AND 43 VIC., C. 74).

1923. No. 52.

I, James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the power given to me by the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, and of every other power me thereunto enabling, do, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland (in these Rules referred to as "the Ministry"), make the following Rules :—

Re-employment of Pensioned Teachers.

(1) Where a teacher has been awarded a pension by reason of infirmity of mind or body and re-enters the Service, he shall not be entitled to benefits under the Rules of 1914, and Rule 12 of the said Rules shall not have effect unless the Ministry of Education certify to the Ministry that such teacher has, previous to superannuation, given efficient service, and unless such teacher submits medical testimony satisfactory to the Ministry that the state of his health has so improved as to fit him for the efficient discharge of his school duties, and that this improvement is likely to be permanent.

(2) A teacher re-entering the Service who retired on Disablement Pension shall be, and a teacher who retired on other grounds than disability, may be required by the Ministry to submit to examination by a Medical Officer nominated by the Ministry in order to test his fitness for re-employment, the cost of such examination to be defrayed by the teacher so examined.

(3) No pensioned teacher re-admitted to the Service shall be eligible for increased pension until five years' regular and continuous service after re-admission has been completed. In the event of failure to qualify for increased pension under this rule, all premiums paid from the date of re-admission, with Compound Interest thereon at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum shall be returned to the teacher on leaving the Service.

Revocation of War Bonus Option.

(4) Where under the operation of the Irish Teachers' Pension (No. 1) Rule, 1920, a pensioned teacher elected to receive an additional

pension calculated on War Bonus, it shall be permissible for such pensioned teacher, on signifying his desire in writing to the Ministry of Finance, to withdraw such election and to revert as from 1st July, 1923, to the Pension which would have been awarded to him had he not exercised such election.

Rules one to four foregoing shall have effect as from 1st July, 1923.

Preservation of Superannuation Rights on Transfer of Teachers between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

(5) Where a teacher transfers his service with or without a break from a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State to a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, the service of such teacher prior to transfer shall be reckoned as service for the purposes of the Rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, provided that the Superintendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State pays to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum equal to four times the amount of all pension premiums to the credit of the teacher, together with compound interest, at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum on each premium payment, reckoned up to the date on which such teacher came under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland.

(6) Where a teacher transfers his service with or without a break from a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland to a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State, the Ministry of Finance shall pay from the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, to the Superintendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State a sum equal to four times the amount of all pension premiums to the credit of the teacher, together with compound interest, at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum, on each premium payment reckoned up to the date on which such teacher comes under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State.

(7) Where a teacher who has been dismissed or has retired under the conditions of Rule 13 (4) of the Rules of 1914, or Rule 11 (2) of the Rules of 1897, from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State, enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, such teacher may pay to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, with compound interest at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum, any sum repaid to him by the Government of the Irish Free State on such dismissal or retirement, and his service, prior to dismissal or retirement, shall in that case be reckoned as service for the purposes of the rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879.

(8) Where a teacher who has retired from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State with a pension enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, the service of such teacher, prior to such retirement, shall be reckoned as service for the purposes of the rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, provided that the Super-

intendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State pays to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum calculated as in Rule five of these Rules, but diminished by a sum equal to the total pension payments made, together with compound interest on each several pension payment reckoned at the same rate and up to the same date as in the case of the premium payments.

(9) Where a teacher who has retired from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland with a pension enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State his pension shall cease, and the Ministry of Finance shall pay from the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum calculated as in Rule six of these Rules, but diminished by a sum equal to the total pension payments made, together with compound interest on each several pension payment reckoned at the same rate and up to the same date as in the case of the premium payments.

(10) All sums payable or receivable by the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, under Rules five, six, eight or nine of these Rules shall be charged or credited as the case may be as to one-fourth, to the Teachers' Contribution Account, and as to three-fourths to the Endowment Account.

(11) All sums receivable by the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, under Rule seven of these Rules shall be credited to the Teachers' Contribution Account.

(12) For the purpose of these Rules the Government of the Irish Free State shall be deemed to include the Provisional Government.

Rules five to twelve foregoing shall have effect as from the 1st February, 1922.

Given at Belfast this 22nd day of September, 1923.

Abercorn,
Governor of Northern Ireland.

The Ministry of Finance hereby consents to the enactment of the above Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of September, 1923, in the presence of

E. Clark,
Secretary.

(L.S.)

ELECTRICITY.

THE ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) (COSTS AND EXPENSES) RULES, 1923, DATED 18TH JULY, 1923, MADE BY THE ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT, 1919 (9 & 10 GEO. 5, C. 100).

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Cost of inquiries, inspections, etc.

1. All costs and expenses of the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland of and incident to or arising out of any inquiry held or inspection made by them or on their behalf or any application or proceedings before them shall (if so directed) be borne and paid by the