

Grants and Advances to Rural District Councils.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE LABOURERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT, 1923, RESPECTING GRANTS TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS IN AID OF THE REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN LOANS AND ADVANCES MADE TO THEM UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883—1919.

S. R. & O. 1924. No. 113.

Whereas by the operation of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920 and the Orders made by His Majesty in Council thereunder, the provisions of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, and of any other enactments, with respect to the Labourers' Cottages Fund, the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account the Guarantee Fund, and the Ireland Development Grant, have ceased to have effect in Northern Ireland :

And whereas in order to make provision in lieu of the said enactments for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of certain sums in aid of the repayment of loans and advances under the said Labourers (Ireland) Acts, it is enacted by Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 1 of the Labourers Act (Northern Ireland) 1923*, as follows :—

1.—(1) There shall be paid in each financial year out of moneys provided by Parliament to the Councils of the several rural districts in Northern Ireland in which cottages were provided under the Labourers Acts before the commencement of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906, being cottages in respect of which loans are for the time being outstanding, such sums as may be certified to be payable in accordance with this sub-section ; and the sums so certified shall be applied towards the repayment of those loans.

The sum payable under this sub-section in any year to the council of a rural district shall be a sum equivalent to seventeen pounds per cent. of the sum which the council is liable to pay or to set apart in the course of that year in respect of the repayment of any loan outstanding as aforesaid.

(2) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament thirty-six pounds per cent. of the total amount of the purchase annuities payable in each financial year by rural district councils in Northern Ireland in respect of advances made by the Irish Land Commission or by the Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland, in pursuance of schemes approved (whether before or after the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920) for the provision of cottages and allotments under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919.

* 13 & 14 Geo. 5 (N.I.), c. 23.

And whereas it is further enacted by sub-section (3) of the aforesaid section as follows that :—

(3) The payment of any sums to or on behalf of a rural district council under this section, and any certificate required to be given for the purpose of any such payment, shall be made or given at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Now therefore the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the aforesaid sub-section, hereby make the following Regulations with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland :—

1. In these Regulations :—

- (a) The expression “Ministry of Finance” means the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.
- (b) The expression “Ministry of Home Affairs” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.
- (c) The expression “Council” means a Rural District Council in Northern Ireland.

2. The Ministry of Finance shall certify to the Ministry of Home Affairs as follows :—

- (a) immediately before the 1st day of May and 1st day of November in each year, the total amount which each Council shall be liable to pay on the days aforesaid in respect of loans made to such Council in respect of cottages provided before the 1st day of November, 1906, under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1903, and also the portion of each several amount (being 17 per cent.) to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.
- (b) immediately before the 1st day of June and 1st day of December in each year the total amount falling to be paid by each Council on the aforesaid days of June and December in respect of purchase annuities payable on account of advances made to each such Council by the Irish Land Commission or by the Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland, in pursuance of schemes approved (whether before or after the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920) for the provision of

cottages and allotments under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, and also the portion of each several amount (being 36 per cent.) to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

3. The payments due in respect of loans made in respect of cottages provided before the 1st day of November, 1906, under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1903 and the Purchase Annuities due in respect of advances made under the Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1906, and amending Acts shall be collected by the Ministry of Finance as follows :—

- (a) from the Councils 83 per cent. and 64 per cent. respectively.
- (b) from the Ministry of Home Affairs out of moneys provided by Parliament 17 per cent. and 36 per cent. respectively, to be paid on receipt of the certificates aforesaid.

4. Interest on an advance made in respect of a Scheme or on an instalment of the advance from the date of the advance or the instalment thereof until the date from which the first half-yearly payment of an annuity begins to run, shall be deemed to be part of the Purchase annuity, for the purpose of recoupment out of moneys provided by Parliament.

5. These Regulations may be cited as "The Labourers Acts (Grants) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Fifteenth day of August in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four.

(L. S.)

(Signed) *S. Watt*,

Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approve of the foregoing Regulations.

Present when the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland was affixed this Fifteenth day of August in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four.

(L. S.)

(Signed) *G. C. Duggan*,

Assistant Secretary.