

Prohibition of Importation of Potatoes.

1. For the prevention of the introduction of the Colorado Beetle the landing in Northern Ireland of any potatoes grown in the United States of America is hereby prohibited.

Commencement.

2. This Order shall take immediate effect provided that this Order shall not be deemed to prevent the landing of potatoes shipped from the United States of America before the date of this Order.

Short Title.

This Order may be cited as the Colorado Beetle (Northern Ireland) Order, of 1924.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this Thirty-first day of December, Nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

(Signed),

James S. Gordon,
Secretary.

(L.S.)

EDUCATION.

Grant in Aid of Expenses of Education Authorities for the years 1923-24 and 1924-25.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTIONS 73 AND 76 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN IRELAND.

1924. No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 73 and 76 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter called "the Act"), the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministry"), with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. The date on which each education authority shall in each local financial year submit to the Ministry a financial scheme (herein referred to as "the scheme") in a form prescribed by the Ministry shall be the 1st day of October in each year, and the scheme shall show the amount of the estimated expenditure and

receipts of the education authority during the next ensuing financial year beginning 1st April; save that in exceptional circumstances the submission of a scheme may, with the special consent of the Ministry, be deferred to such later date as the Ministry may determine in each particular case.

2. Each scheme shall contain information sufficient to enable the Ministry to determine the full scope and nature of the services which the education authority proposes to undertake and the amount of expenditure involved.

3. The grant payable to an education authority under these regulations in respect of an approved financial scheme shall for the local financial years ending 31st March, 1924, and 31st March, 1925, respectively, be two-thirds of the net expenditure as in these regulations hereinafter defined incurred in accordance with the approved scheme and disbursed within the said local financial years.

Provided that the maximum grant payable by the Ministry shall not in any case exceed an amount equal to two-thirds of the sum that would be realisable by a rate of one shilling in the pound on the rateable value of the area of the education authority to which the grant is payable, notwithstanding that the actual net expenditure calculated as in these rules provided shall exceed such amount.

And provided further that where the Council of an urban county district exercises and performs the powers and duties of an Education Authority under Part IV. of the Act in relation to the provision of technical instruction, the maximum grants payable by the Ministry to such Education Authority and to the Education Authority (being the council of the county within which the urban district is situate) shall not when added together exceed an amount equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the sum that would be realisable by a rate of 1/- in the £ on the rateable value of the whole county including the urban area.

4. For the purpose of these regulations net expenditure means expenditure remaining after deducting from the gross expenditure properly incurred and disbursed under the scheme or schemes approved by the Ministry the following receipts, namely;—

- (a) Grants received from the Ministry under other regulations of the Ministry.
- (b) Grants received from any other Department of the Government of Northern Ireland in aid of expenditure included in the gross expenditure aforesaid.

- (c) Income from fees received from pupils.
- (d) Income from endowments or other public funds applicable to expenditure under approved schemes.
- (e) Income from any other source held by the Ministry to be income which ought to be applied to educational purposes.

5. Where an Education Authority by reason of its own default in any year has not obtained any of the grants or aids which, in accordance with the immediately preceding Regulations, are directed to be deducted from the gross expenditure for the purpose of ascertaining the net expenditure, then and in every such case such grants or aids as might have been obtained if the regulation or condition governing their payment had been observed or fulfilled shall, for the purpose of ascertaining the net expenditure under these Regulations, be brought into calculation and deducted from the gross expenditure as if they had been actually obtained by the Educational Authority.

6. Where payment of Grants received from the Ministry or from any other Department of the Government of Northern Ireland has been postponed from one financial year to the year following, the Ministry shall make such adjustments in ascertaining the net expenditure as seem to it proper.

7. The grants payable under Regulation (3) shall be paid by the Ministry in such portions and at such times as the Ministry may think proper.

8. These Regulations shall only apply to grants payable in respect of the local financial years ending 31st March, 1924, and 31st March, 1925, unless re-enacted and otherwise applied before the latter date.

9. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 14th day of March, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,

Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto this 14th day of March, 1924, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,

Assistant Secretary.