

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

42. The foregoing regulations will come into operation on the first day of August, 1924, but will not apply to anything in relation to the school year ending 31st July, 1924.

These regulations do not apply to Trades Preparatory schools.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 10th day of March, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,
Secretary.

Public Elementary Schools.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 99 (1) OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 28.

Whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 99 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, (in these Regulations referred to as "the Act") it is enacted that the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry") may make all such regulations as appear to the Ministry to be necessary or proper for giving full effect to the Act, or for adapting the provisions of any enactments (including any local Act) or Order of the Lord Lieutenant in Council in such manner as may appear to the Ministry to be necessary in order to bring such provisions into conformity with the provisions of the Act; and that any such regulation shall, except as in the said section provided have effect as if enacted in the Act, but may be varied or revoked by a subsequent regulation :

And whereas by sub-section (3) of Section 99 of the Act it is enacted that regulations made by the Ministry, other than regulations to which sub-section (2) of that section applies, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after

they are made, and, if an address is presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland by either of those Houses within ten days on which that House has sat next after any such regulations are laid before it, praying that the regulations may be annulled, the said Governor may thereupon by Order in Council annul the same, and the regulations so annulled shall forthwith become void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything which in the meantime may have been done thereunder :

And Whereas by Section 7, of the Act, it is enacted that the expression " elementary education " means an education, both literary and moral, based upon instruction in the reading and writing of the English language and in Arithmetic, provided for pupils who are in general of an age below fourteen years ; and that the expression " public elementary school " means a school or department of a school in respect of which grants are paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and in which elementary education is the principal part of the education provided :

And Whereas the schools now designated National Schools in the Rules and Regulations (whether made by the Ministry or by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland) at present in force relating thereto are schools in respect of which grants as aforesaid are paid and in which elementary education as aforesaid is the principal part of the education provided, and the teachers therein are designated National teachers and the education given therein is designated National education :

And Whereas it appears to the Ministry to be necessary and proper for giving full effect to the Act to make the Regulations hereinafter appearing.

Now Therefore the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Act and of all other powers thereunto enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Public Elementary Schools) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924.

2.—(i) In these Regulations expressions to which a meaning is assigned by the Act shall have the same meaning.

(ii) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (12 Geo. 5, c. 4) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. References in any enactment, or in any order, scheme, rules, regulations, deed, contract or other instrument relating to " National " school, " National " school teacher, or " National " education in Northern Ireland shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read and construed as references to " Public Elementary " school, " Public Elementary " school teacher, and " Public Elementary " education respectively.

4. These Regulations shall come into force on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 15th day of April, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,
Secretary.

Public Elementary Education.—Transitional Services.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION
ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 32.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These regulations shall apply to schools or educational facilities in areas in which the relevant provisions of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, have not been brought into operation by Order in Council, and upon an appointed day being fixed for applying the said relevant provisions to any such area as aforesaid, these regulations, with the exception of 2 (c) and 3 (c), shall cease to apply in respect of such area.

SCHOOL REQUISITES.

2.—(a) A first stock of school requisites may be furnished gratuitously by the Ministry to each public elementary school in proportion to the average attendance of pupils.

(b) When an unsuitable schoolhouse has been superseded by a suitable schoolhouse erected from private funds, or when a considerable sum derived from private contributions has been expended upon the enlargement or structural improvement of a schoolhouse, a special free stock of school requisites may be granted by the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector. Money expended on furniture or repairs cannot be taken into account in deciding a claim for a special free stock.

(c) The requisites granted as free stock must be kept as a school stock, for which the principal teacher is held responsible, and they must not be sold or taken out of the school without the previous consent of the Ministry.