

14. No sum shall be paid out of the Fund either in respect of reward to a member of the said Constabulary or otherwise, without the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs previously obtained.

15. If it appears to the Ministry of Home Affairs that the moneys standing to the credit of the Fund at any time are more than sufficient to provide the sums payable thereout under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, the said Ministry may, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, direct that the surplus shall be applied for any or all of the following purposes :—

- (a) for increasing the grants under Regulation 13 ;
- (b) for providing facilities for competitions, outdoor or indoor sports or recreation for members of the Force, or providing awards in connection with such activities ;
- (c) in any other manner, for the benefit of members of the said Constabulary, their widows, children or dependants.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance
this 29th day of October, 1929, in the presence of

(L.S.)

H. M. Pollock,

Minister of Finance.

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY.

Reward Fund.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE
CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

1929. No. 113.

The Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the said Ministry by sub-section (5) of Section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, (as amended by Section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, and applied to the Special Constabulary by an Order of the Minister of Home Affairs, dated 8th February, 1929) and of the powers conferred upon the said Ministry by Section 20 of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Special Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1929.

2. The Special Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1922 and 1925, are hereby repealed, except to the extent specified in Regulation 3 hereof.

3. The Special Constabulary Reward Fund established by the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance on the 17th day of October, 1922, shall continue to exist subject to the provisions of these Regulations, and is herein referred to as the Fund.

4. The Fund shall be deemed to be a public account, and, in so far as not invested in accordance with Regulation 5 hereunder, shall be kept in the books of the Belfast Banking Company in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

5. The Ministry of Home Affairs may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, cause any surplus moneys not required for immediate needs to be invested in trustee securities in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and such investments shall form part of the Fund. The income derived therefrom shall be paid into the cash portion of the Fund and such investments may from time to time, with the sanction of the Ministry of Finance, be varied or realised.

6. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall, in respect of each financial year, prepare an account of the Fund and transmit such account to the Comptroller and Auditor-General for examination, and the requirements of Section twenty and Sections twenty-three to twenty-seven of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, in regard to cash accounts, shall be followed in relation thereto. Such account, together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon, shall be presented to the House of Commons with the Appropriation Accounts of the Special Constabulary for the same financial year.

7. The expenditure from the Fund shall not, without the consent of the Ministry of Finance, exceed in any financial year its income for that year.

8. There shall be paid to the Fund any fines imposed on any officer or constable of the Special Constabulary, and any gifts of cash or securities received by way of donation to the Fund.

9. The fines imposed on officers or constables as referred to in Regulation 8, shall be paid to the Paymaster of the County in which such fines shall be imposed, and shall be credited by him to his public account, from which they will be transferred by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the credit of the Fund.

10. If any member of the said Constabulary is reported by his officers to have shown exceptional zeal, intelligence, or ability in the discharge of his police duties, or has shown exceptional courage involving the risk of his life in the cause of humanity or in the interests of the public, an award may be made to him out of the Fund.

11. For the purpose of considering such cases, there shall be established a Reward Board composed of two officers of the

Inspector-General's staff who shall carefully weigh and consider the merits of each case and submit their opinion for the decision of the Inspector-General. In cases where a grant from the Fund is recommended, either without or in addition to a Favourable Record, the Inspector-General shall submit the recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs for approval.

12. The Minister of Home Affairs shall have power to grant individual rewards in exceptional cases on the recommendation of the Inspector-General without previous reference to the Reward Board, provided that such grants are reported to the Reward Board as soon as possible thereafter.

13. Grants not exceeding £10 may be paid from the Fund, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General, in aid of the funeral expenses of men who die, while serving in the said Constabulary, from causes which would not warrant such expenses being met from moneys provided by Parliament.

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16. The provisions of these Regulations shall have effect subject to the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Home Affairs by Section 5 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, to certify that moneys forming part of the Fund are not required in order to provide the sums payable thereout in accordance with these Regulations.

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