

period of two years, after deducting therefrom the period of probationary service given by him before undertaking war service. If his work is then regarded as satisfactory he may be granted full certification from the date on which he would have completed his probationary period had he been in teaching employment during his period of war service. If, however, as a result of reports furnished by the Principal of the school and by the Inspectors of the Ministry, such a teacher is not regarded as suitable for full certification then and in every such case the provision of the Principal Regulations shall apply. In every case in which full certification is eventually granted, it shall be deemed to take and have effect from the date on which it would have been granted had the teacher been in teaching employment during his period of war service: provided however that a teacher to whom this Article applies may not be placed on the appropriate scale of salary with effect from any date prior to that upon which he resumes teaching employment.

12.—In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction or application of any of these Regulations, or as to the validity of any claim, right or liability thereunder, the same shall be determined by the Ministry whose decision thereon shall be final.

13.—The Interpretation Act, 1921 (12 Geo. 5, ch. 4), shall apply 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.

14.—These Regulations shall take and have effect as from the 1st September, 1939.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education
for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April, 1940, in
the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *R. S. Brownell*,
Secretary.

ELECTIONS.

Belfast City and District Water Commissioners

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED THE 15TH AUGUST, 1940, MADE UNDER
SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTERED AND OTHER BODIES (TEMPORARY
PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1940.

1940. No. 95.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.
ABERCORN.

WHEREAS it is provided by paragraph (a) of sub-section (i) of section 2 of the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1940 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), that the Governor of Northern Ireland may, by Order in Council, on an application made on behalf of any corporation or body of persons constituted by Act of Parliament, make such provision for extending the term of office of members of the corporation or body; or postponing the date of election of new members of the corporation or body, or for the filling of vacancies among such members, as may appear to the said Governor to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of securing economy or efficiency in carrying on the work of the corporation or body during the period of the present emergency :

AND WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section (2) of the said section 2 of the Act that an Order in Council made for the purposes specified aforesaid may give such directions as to any special register of electors kept for the purpose of election of members of that corporation or body as appear to the said Governor to be expedient :

AND WHEREAS any Order in Council made under the said section 2 of the Act may contain such incidental and consequential provisions as appear to the said Governor to be expedient, and shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment relating to the constitution or functions of the corporation or body to which the Order relates :

AND WHEREAS the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners have made application for an Order postponing the date of the ordinary election of the members of such corporation (in this Order referred to as "the Commissioners") and postponing the preparation of the register of electors kept for the purpose of the election of the Commissioners and providing for the filling of occasional vacancies among the Commissioners :

AND WHEREAS the corporation consisting of the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "the Water Board") was duly constituted by the Belfast Water Act, 1840 :

AND WHEREAS it is provided in effect by Section 4 of the Belfast Water Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, that the date of the ordinary election of the Commissioners shall be the second Tuesday in the month of March in each year and on that day one-third of the Commissioners (other than ex-officio members) or as near as may be to that proportion shall go out of office and their places shall be filled by the election of a like number of Commissioners :

AND WHEREAS it appears to be expedient for the purposes of securing economy and efficiency in the carrying on of the work of

the Water Board during the period of the present emergency that the Commissioners now in office should continue in office and the term of office of the said Commissioners should be extended :

AND WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section 3 of section 4 of the Belfast Water Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, that if any occasional vacancy shall occur in the representation of a Ward by death, resignation, disqualification or incapacity of the Commissioner elected for such Ward, such vacancy shall be filled as provided by section 19 of the Belfast Water Act, 1897 :

AND WHEREAS it appears to be expedient for the purposes of securing economy and efficiency in the carrying on of the work of the Water Board during the period of the present emergency that occasional vacancies should be filled by means of choice by the Commissioners then holding office :

AND WHEREAS it is provided by Section 55 of the Belfast Water Act, 1899, as adapted by Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland on the 12th day of October, 1922, that a register of electors for the purpose of the election of the Commissioners shall be prepared and printed on a date not later than the 1st day of the month of March in each year :

AND WHEREAS it appears to be expedient for the purposes of securing economy and efficiency in the carrying on of the work of the Water Board during the period of the present emergency that the preparation and printing of the said register of electors should be postponed :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES ALBERT EDWARD, DUKE OF ABERCORN, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick; Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, do hereby order and direct, as regards the Water Board, as follows, that is to say :—

1.—The ordinary elections of the Commissioners shall be postponed until such time as the said Governor may by Order in Council declare to be the date of the next ordinary election and the term of office of the Commissioners now holding office shall be extended accordingly :

2.—The preparation and printing of the register of electors for the purpose of the elections of the Commissioners shall be postponed and the said register of electors in force on the first day of September, 1939, shall accordingly remain in force until otherwise determined.

3.—Any occasional vacancy occurring among the Commissioners shall be filled by means of the choice by the Commissioners of a person (duly qualified to act as a Commissioner under the Belfast Water Acts, 1840 to 1938) to fill the vacancy and the person so chosen shall hold office until the time when the person in whose place he is chosen would regularly have gone out of office and he shall then go out of office subject to the provisions of Article 1 of this Order.

4.—Notice of a proposal to fill an occasional vacancy as aforesaid shall be given in the manner required for special meetings of the Water Board.

5.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary the election or appointment and the continuance in office of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Water Board shall be regulated as heretofore by the provisions of Section 19 of the Belfast Water Act, 1865.

6.—This Order may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction or Order made in like manner but shall otherwise remain in force during the period of the present emergency.

7.—For the purposes of this Order the expression " period of the present emergency " has the same meaning as in the Act.

8.—The Interpretation Act 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

9.—This Order may be cited as the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners (Postponement of Elections) Order (Northern Ireland), 1940, and shall be deemed to have been effective as and from the 1st day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this 15th day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty.

Craigavon.

James Andrews.

John M. Andrews.

R. Dawson Bates.

J. H. Robb.

J. Milne Barbour.

J. C. MacDermott.

Joseph Davison.
