

Downpatrick and Ardglass, Comber and Newcastle, and Belfast and Donaghadee :

AND WHEREAS a period of six months having elapsed after the date of the said Order, the Ulster Transport Authority have applied to the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") for an Order for abandonment pursuant to the provisions of section 58 of the said Act authorising the abandonment of the railway lines and sections of railway line included in said Order for Discontinuance, and the Ministry is satisfied that the said application should be granted :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 58 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby orders as follows :

1. That the Ulster Transport Authority are hereby authorised to abandon the railway lines and sections of railway line between the following points, that is to say :—between Ballynahinch Junction and Ballynahinch ; between Downpatrick and Ardglass ; between Comber and Newcastle, except that portion thereof which runs from the Railway Station, Newcastle, to the junction of the main line with the Castlewellan branch line ; and between Belfast and Donaghadee, except that portion thereof which runs from the Railway Station at Queen's Quay, Belfast, to Ballymacarrett Junction.

2. This Order may be cited as "The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, County Down) Order, 1953", and shall come into force on the eighth day of July, 1953.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this eighth day of July one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of :

(L.S.)

(Sgd.) *W. J. Thompson*,
Assistant Secretary..

"AN ORDER FOR ABANDONMENT", DATED THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948 (a).

1953. No. 118

WHEREAS by virtue of an Arrangement dated the Tenth day of December, 1948, made in pursuance of the provisions of Section 65 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, between the British Transport Commission of 55 Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W.1., of the one part and the Ulster Transport Authority of the other part (which said Arrangement was subsequently, in pursuance of subsection 2 of the said Section, duly confirmed by each House of Parliament) that part of the undertaking of the British Transport Commission situate in Northern Ireland theretofore operated and managed

by the Northern Counties Committee, established in pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Midland Railway (Belfast and Northern Counties Railway) Purchase Act, 1903, became vested in the Ulster Transport Authority ;

AND WHEREAS the Ulster Transport Authority have published Notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 of the said Act of 1948 of their intention in respect of each of the railway lines and sections of railway line hereinafter mentioned to terminate wholly the transport services then or hitherto provided thereon, that is to say, the railway lines between the points following :—between Kingsbog Junction and Ballyclare ; between Larne Harbour and Ballyclare ; between Ballymoney and Ballycastle ; between Magherafelt and Draperstown ; between Kilrea and Macfin ; and between Limavady and Dungiven ;

AND WHEREAS no objections have been received by the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as “ the Ministry ”) within the period specified in any of the said Notices in respect of any of such railway lines or sections of railway line, and thereupon the Ulster Transport Authority, as provided by sub-Section 3 of the said Section 57, became entitled to terminate wholly the transport services on the railway lines or sections of railway line between the points hereinbefore set forth, and the said services have been in each such case wholly terminated ;

AND WHEREAS, the period of six months having elapsed after the date on which the period for said objections ended in respect of each of the said railway lines or sections of railway line, the Ulster Transport Authority have applied for an Order for Abandonment pursuant to the provisions of Section 58 of the said Act of 1948 authorising the abandonment of the railway lines and sections of railway line hereinafter mentioned, and the Ministry is satisfied that such application should, in respect of each of the railway lines and sections of railway line hereinafter mentioned, be granted :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 58 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby orders as follows :—

1. That the Ulster Transport Authority are hereby authorised to abandon the existing railway lines and sections of railway lines between the following places, that is to say :—

- (i) The railway line running from Ballymoney in the County of Antrim to Ballycastle in the same County, from the terminus at Ballymoney to the terminus at Ballycastle.
- (ii) That section of the railway line running from Larne Harbour to Ballyclare, both in the County of Antrim, from a point half-a-mile North of Kingsbog Junction to the terminus at Ballyclare aforesaid.
- (iii) That section of the railway line running from Larne Railway Station to the former Ballyclare Paper Mill, both in the

- County of Antrim, from a point 200 yards West of Larne Town Railway Station to the terminus at the said Mill.
- (iv) That section of the railway line running from Magherafelt to Draperstown, both in the County of Londonderry, from Draperstown Junction to the terminus at Draperstown aforesaid.
- (v) That section of the railway line running from Kilrea, in the County of Londonderry, to Macfin, in the County of Antrim, from a point 50 yards West of Kilrea Railway Station to a point a quarter of a mile South of Macfin Railway Station.
- (vi) That section of the railway line from Limavady to Dungiven, both in the County of Londonderry, from a point 150 yards South of Limavady to the terminus at Dungiven.

2. That this Order may be cited as " The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, Counties Antrim and Londonderry) Order, 1953 ", and shall come into force on the thirty-first day of August, 1953.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this thirty-first day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. J. Thompson,
Assistant Secretary.

Great Northern Railway Board

ORDER, DATED 5TH AUGUST, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1953.

1953. No. 111

The Ministry of Commerce in exercise of the powers vested in it by sub-section three of section five of the Great Northern Railway Act (Northern Ireland), 1953, doth hereby declare that the Minister of Commerce and the Minister for Industry and Commerce, as in the Act defined, have agreed that the date upon which the Great Northern Railway Board shall stand established in accordance with section five of the Act shall be the first day of September, 1953, and the Ministry doth hereby order :

1. The Great Northern Railway Board shall stand established on the first day of September, 1953.

2. This Order may be cited as The Great Northern Railway Board (Establishment Date) Order, 1953.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this fifth day of August One Thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. J. Thompson,
Assistant Secretary.