Approval of Spring Traps

2. The principal Order shall be continued for a further period of one year from the 1st January, 1964.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland on the 17th December, 1963, in the presence of

(L.S.) *(Sgd.) A. Alexander,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Under Section 1D of the Protection of Animals Act 1911, as inserted by Section 3 of the Protection of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1961, it is an offence to use for the purpose of killing or taking animals a spring trap other than one approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Ministry, by the Spring Traps Approval (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961, approved the gin trap subject to certain conditions for one year ending on 31st December, 1962, for the purpose only of killing or taking foxes, and this Order was continued in force for a further year ending on 31st December, 1963.

The present Order extends the 1961 Order for another year until 31st December, 1964.

1963. No. 240 **[C]**

ULSTER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY MALE WAGES GRADES PENSION SCHEME

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948(a).

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 36 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of December, 1963, and may be cited as the Ulster Transport Authority (Male Wages Grades Pensions) Regulations 1963.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

(a) 1948. Ch. 16.

A draft of these Regulations was affirmed by Resolution of the Senate on 17th December, 1963, and by Resolution of the House of Commons on 18th December, 1963.

The "Act" means the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1948.

The "Authority" means the Ulster Transport Authority.

The "Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

3.—(1) There shall be established by the Authority on the thirtieth day of December, 1963, a pension scheme to be known as the Ulster Transport Authority (Male Wages Grades) Pension Scheme (hereinafter called "the Scheme") for employees in whole-time employment in the male wages grades of the Authority.

(2) The Scheme shall be in accordance with the rules set out in the Schedule and shall be administered as provided for in those rules.

(3) The rules in so far as they provide for—

(*a*) employees becoming members compulsorily;

(*b*) any contribution due from a member being deducted from that member's wages;

shall be lawful and have effect notwithstanding anything in any enactment.

4. The rules shall not be amended or added to otherwise than by regulations made by the Ministry under Section 36 of the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 19th day of December, 1963.

(L.S.) *John F. Irvine,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 19th day of December, 1963.

(L.S.) *W. W. Arthur,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

THE RULES OF THE ULSTER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (MALE WAGES GRADES) PENSION SCHEME

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

1. In these rules the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:—

"the Fund" means the pension fund established by the Authority pursuant to Rule 2;

"the Actuary" means the actuary or actuaries from time to time appointed by the Authority;

"the Central Committee" means the Central Committee from time to time appointed under the Rules;

"Compound Interest" means compound interest with yearly rests;

"Existing Employee" means a male employee in the Service on the 30th day of December, 1963, who has not attained the age of 65 years and who was in the Service prior to that date and shall include a male employee in the Service prior to that date who has before that date been transferred to a salaried grade but who is not eligible for admission to a salaried staff superannuation fund;

"Minimum Pensionable Age" means 65 years;

"National Service", in relation to any member, means service of a description specified in the First Schedule to the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951, and includes any period immediately following the termination thereof during which the person, with the consent of the Authority, continues in similar service or such other form of service as the Authority may agree;

"Pension" means an annuity payable on ill-health retirement or on age retirement;

"Scheduled Grade" means any one of the grades specified in Appendix I to the Rules;

"the Service" means whole-time employment with the Authority in a male wages grade other than employment—
(*a*) of a casual or seasonal nature, or
(*b*) for a specific purpose for a limited period;

"War Service" means service in any of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown in connection with the war which commenced on the 3rd day of September, 1939, or any employment for war purposes within the meaning of the Superannuation Schemes (War Service) Act (Northern Ireland), 1941, but does not include any voluntary extension of such service or employment after the cessation of hostilities otherwise than with the consent of the Authority or its predecessors.

Establishment of Fund

2. The Authority shall establish a pension fund for the purposes of the Scheme.

Sections A and B

3. The Scheme shall consist of two sections hereinafter referred to as Section A and Section B.

Head Office

4. The head office for the administration of the Scheme shall be at 21 Linen Hall Street, Belfast, or such other place as the Authority shall from time to time determine.

CONSTITUTION

Assets constituting Fund

5. The Fund shall comprise:—

(1) Contributions of and payments by the members to the Fund made under the Rules;

(2) Contributions of and payments by the Authority to the Fund made under the Rules;

(3) Dividends and interest received by or payable on the Fund;

(4) Transfer value payments made to the Fund;

(5) All other moneys of and additions to the Fund;

and the funds, securities, bonds, debentures, stocks, shares and other investments, policies, moneys and property for the time being representing the same and all other funds, securities, bonds, debentures, stocks, shares and other investments, policies, moneys and property (if any) from time to time received and for the time being held by the Authority by way of addition or accretion to the Fund and so that the aforesaid shall be held by the Authority upon irrevocable trust for the purposes of the Scheme.

MEMBERSHIP

Optional Membership—Section A

6.—(1) Every Existing Employee shall have an option to join Section A provided that at the time the option is exercised he has attained the age of 21 years, has completed 12 months' continuous employment with the Authority and can by Minimum Pensionable Age complete 20 years' continuous employment with the Authority and its predecessors (including War Service or National Service following upon any such employment) unbroken by resignation or dismissal. For the purposes of this paragraph any break in employment with the Authority and its predecessors by reason of dismissal due to recognised redundancy for a period not exceeding 2 years or such longer period as the Central Committee may allow shall count as employment. An option exercisable under this paragraph shall be exercised within six months of the 30th day of December, 1963, or within six months of the Existing Employee becoming eligible for membership, whichever is the later, except that the Central Committee may at their discretion extend the period of option.

Compulsory Membership—Section A

(2) Every male person appointed to the Service on or after the 30th day of December, 1963, shall become a member of Section A upon attaining the age of 21 years or the completion of 12 months' continuous employment with the Authority, whichever be the later, provided that he has not at the time when he is appointed to the Service passed his 45th birthday.

Optional Membership—Section B

7.—(1) Every Existing Employee admitted to membership of Section A who at the 30th day of December, 1963, has been appointed (except in a temporary capacity) to a Scheduled Grade or who at that date is employed in a salaried grade, shall have an option to join Section B provided that he has not at the 30th day of December, 1963, passed his 64th birthday. An option exercisable under this paragraph shall be exercised within six months of the 30th day of December, 1963, or within six months of the Existing Employee becoming eligible for membership, whichever is the later, except that the Central Committee may at their discretion extend the period of option.

Compulsory Membership—Section B

(2) Every male person admitted to membership of Section A who after the 30th day of December, 1963, becomes appointed (except in a temporary capacity) to a Scheduled Grade shall thereupon become a member of Section B provided that he has not passed his 64th birthday.

Transferred Staff

8. A member of a salaried staff superannuation fund or scheme who is transferred within the employment of the Authority to a grade or class not eligible for membership of such salaried staff fund or scheme shall, on ceasing to contribute to that fund or scheme and whether or not he remains a member thereof, become a member of Section A or Sections A and B of the Scheme in accordance with the provisions of Rules 6(2) and 7(2) notwithstanding that he may have passed his 45th birthday but provided that he can by Minimum Pensionable Age complete 20 years' continuous employment as defined in Rule 6(1).

Duration of Membership

9.—(1) Membership shall commence from the beginning of the pay week in respect of which the first contribution is made. Provided that an Existing Employee eligible to join the Scheme under Rule 6(1) at the 30th day of December, 1963, shall have an option to commence membership from that date; provided also that where an option is exercised under Rule 7(1) membership of Section B shall be concurrent with membership of Section A.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Rules membership shall continue so long as the member remains in the Service.

Back Service Credit

10. Every person admitted to membership of Section A under Rule 6(1) who has attained the age of 52 years by the 30th day of December, 1963, shall be credited with years of deemed membership calculated in accordance with Table I of the Rules according to his age at that date.

Transfer from a Scheduled Grade

11.—(1) Any member of Section B who is transferred to a wages grade not being a Scheduled Grade may, with the consent of the Central Committee, have at the date of such transfer or within three months thereafter an option to continue to pay contributions to Section B at the rate at which he was paying prior to being so transferred, thereupon continuing contributory membership for the purpose of calculating benefits.

(2) Where no option is given under paragraph (1) of this Rule or where an option is given but the member does not exercise it, he shall discontinue paying contributions to Section B whereupon his entitlement to benefit according to Table V and Section B of Table VI of the Rules will be limited to that in respect of the completed years for which he has contributed to Section B.

(3) Where a member has discontinued paying contributions to Section B under paragraph (2) of this Rule and is again appointed (except in a temporary capacity) to a Scheduled Grade, he shall thereupon pay contributions to Section B on the scale set out in Table III of the Rules according to his age at the date upon which he again becomes so appointed and renew contributory membership from that date for the purpose of calculating benefits.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Section A

12. Every member of Section A shall from the date on which membership commences pay to the Fund, except as provided by Rule 14, weekly contribu-