behalf and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the "Training College Teachers (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961."

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 1st September, 1961.

(3) The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Training College Teachers (Salaries and Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959(**a**).

2. For the definition of the terms "training colleges" in Regulation 2 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following definition:—

"training college" means a college for the training of teachers conducted by or on behalf of the Ministry; or a voluntary college in receipt of grants from the Ministry under the Training Colleges (Grant Conditions) Regulations(**b**).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 21st day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. C. Williams,*
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amendment makes possible the recognition of St. Joseph's Training College, Belfast, as a separate College for the purpose of the Training College Teachers (Salaries and Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959.

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AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Development

SCHEME, DATED 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(**c**).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 161.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 9.
(**c**) 1949, c. 2.

Short Title and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Agricultural Development Scheme, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 2nd October, 1961.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949;

"agricultural buildings" mean any permanent buildings necessary to the efficient farming of the agricultural land on which they are sited, or to be sited, or with which they are associated, but shall not include dwelling houses;

"agricultural land" shall have the same meaning as in the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949;

"approved cost" means the cost of the work as approved by the Ministry for the purpose of making a grant;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"occupier" means a person who is in occupation of any land under an estate or interest not less than a term of one calendar year;

"promoter" means the person who is responsible for carrying out work approved under this Scheme.

Applications for Grant

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Ministry may make payments by way of grants towards the cost of carrying out on agricultural land such works as are specified in the First, Second and Third Schedules hereto.

4. Applications for assistance towards the cost of carrying out any of the works specified in the First Schedule hereto will only be accepted from persons who are the owners or occupiers of the holdings in respect of which application is made.

5. Any person submitting an application in respect of works referred to in the First Schedule shall do so on a form to be supplied by the Ministry, and before commencing any work shall obtain the approval, in writing, of the Ministry for the carrying out of the work:

Provided that in the case of work of an urgent nature provisional approval may be obtained from the County Agricultural Executive Officer, but any approval so given must be confirmed in writing by the Ministry before the work is eligible for a grant.

PART I

LAND IMPROVEMENT

6. Except as provided hereto and in the next succeeding paragraph the grant for work carried out under Part I of the First Schedule shall be at the rate of 50 per cent. of the approved cost of the labour and materials required for the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Ministry:

Provided that—

(i) the approved cost may be determined in accordance with such standard rates as may be fixed from time to time by the Ministry, and

(ii) no application for grant shall be approved by the Ministry if the estimated cost of the proposed work is less than £30.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the immediate preceding paragraph the Ministry may

(i) in respect of land mole drained pay grant at the rate of 50 per cent. of the approved cost, including the piping of the mains and/or outlets of the mole drains and such other work as, in the opinion of the Ministry, is necessary to enable the mole drains to function properly:

Provided that the minimum area which shall qualify for such grant shall not be less than two statute acres, and that land in respect of which a grant for mole drainage has been paid will not again be eligible for a grant for mole drainage until a period of at least five years has elapsed; and

(ii) in respect of the construction or reconstruction of flax and catch dams pay grant at a rate which shall not exceed 75 per cent. of the approved cost, subject to the estimated cost of the work being not less than £10.

PART II

WATER SUPPLIES

8. Applications for grant for work under Part II of the First Schedule will only be approved for the supply of water, to agricultural land and agricultural buildings and, where water of suitable purity for domestic use is available, as an extension to dwelling houses occupied as farm houses or by agricultural workers.

9. The Ministry may withhold approval of any application under this Part of this Scheme where it is of opinion that the proposed source of supply is unsuitable or inadequate for the requirements of the farm, or the cost of the proposed work is unreasonably high in relation to the benefits likely to be derived in the more efficient working of the farm.

10. Assistance towards the cost of any work for the supply of water from a private source will not normally be approved where a supply from a public main is available, or where it appears probable that a public supply will be obtainable within a reasonable period.

11. Except as provided hereto the grant for work carried out under this Part of this Scheme shall be at the rate of 50 per cent. of the approved cost of the labour and materials required for the completion of the works to the satisfaction of the Ministry:

Provided that

(i) the approved cost may be determined in accordance with such standard rates as may be fixed from time to time by the Ministry, and

(ii) no application for grant shall be approved by the Ministry if the estimated cost of the proposed work is less than £40.

GENERAL

12. The Ministry may require applicants for assistance under this Scheme to submit competitive tenders for the carrying out of any work.