Sealed with the Official Seal of the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland this sixteenth day of December, 1957, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Arthurs,*
Secretary to the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland.

I, the Right Honourable Ivan Neill, Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland, hereby confirm the foregoing regulations.

Given under my hand this sixteenth day of December, 1957.

Ivan Neill,
Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Since the coming into operation on the 25th April, 1955, of the Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, a person entitled to a pension under the Old Age Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, has had the weekly rate of his pension adjusted for a period during which he was undergoing free of charge medical or other treatment as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution so that it should not exceed seven shillings and sixpence. These regulations amend the principal regulations by increasing the maximum weekly rate of pension during such a period to ten shillings. The provision of the principal regulations that in certain circumstances adjustment shall not take place until the pensioner has undergone treatment for fifty-six continuous days is left unchanged.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Returning Officers' Fees and Charges

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS FORTY AND FIFTY-FOUR OF THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections Forty and Fifty-four of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of every other power it thereunto enabling, and with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Parliamentary Returning Officers' Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957.

2. The Returning Officer at any election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Northern Ireland shall, in respect of the conduct of such election, be entitled to receive as remuneration for his own services the fees specified in that behalf in Section A of the Schedule and to his reasonable charges for any expenses properly incurred by him not exceeding the sums specified in that behalf in Section B of the said Schedule, provided that the charges for disbursements shall in no case exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

3. The scale of fees and charges prescribed by these Regulations shall apply to all elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland (other than elections of members for the Queen's University constituency) conducted after the 30th November, 1957.

4. The Returning Officer shall, for the purpose of payment to him of such fees and expenses, render to the Ministry accounts thereof in the manner and form and at such times as the Ministry may, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, from time to time direct.

5. The Electoral (Parliamentary Returning Officers' Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 31st day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the presence of—

(L.S.) *William Duff,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance concurs in the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed thereto this 31st day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the presence of—

D. C. B. Holden,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

A.—For Services of Returning Officers

I.—IN A CONTESTED ELECTION

Fee (to include the cost of such legal assistance, if any, as the Returning Officer may determine to employ) for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections—

(i) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County ... £34 0 0

(ii) For every constituency in a Parliamentary Borough ... £28 0 0

II.—IN AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION

One-half of the sums allowed for a contested election.

B.—Disbursements

I.—IN A CONTESTED ELECTION

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough
	£ s. d.	
1. (*a*) For each presiding officer, to include all expenses other than any expenses specially authorised by this scale.	4 10 0	
(*b*) Where two or more polling stations are situated in the same room and the presiding officer of one station, designated by the Returning Officer as senior presiding officer, performs supervisory duties in connection with the other stations so situated, for each such senior presiding officer.	5 0 0	
2. For a clerk at a polling station.	2 0 0	
Where the number of electors assigned to a polling station is in excess of 600, an additional clerk may be employed for every number of 600 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 600. (In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, postal voters must be excluded).		