PART II

QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRE OFFICERS

No person shall be qualified to be appointed a fire officer of a fire authority unless—

(1) he has had not less than five years' practical experience of fire-fighting in—
  (*a*) the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) or the National Fire Service of Great Britain and has at any time held a rank not lower than that of Leading Fireman therein ; or
  (*b*) a whole-time fire brigade and has at any time held a position in such a brigade substantially equivalent to a rank not lower than that of Leading Fireman in the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) ; or
  (*c*) retained service in the fire brigade of a fire authority and has held a rank not lower than that of a Section Leader ; and

(2) he has passed an educational and technical examination of a standard approved by the Ministry ; and

(3) he produces satisfactory evidence that his health and character are good ; and

(4) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has, during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of his appointment, been resident in the United Kingdom ; and

(5) at the date of his appointment he is not more than forty years of age ; save that a person shall not be disqualified for appointment on grounds of age alone if at the date of his appointment he is serving in the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) or in the fire brigade of a fire authority ;

provided that no person qualified as aforesaid shall, by virtue of that qualification, be eligible for appointment as deputy chief officer for the fire brigade of a fire authority or as a district officer of the Belfast Fire Authority unless he has passed a further technical examination of a standard approved by the Ministry.

Standard Fire Provision

REGULATIONS DATED 21ST FEBRUARY, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION FOUR OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) (REPRINT), 1947.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry "), by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (2) of section four of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) (Reprint), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Standard Fire Provision) (Belfast Fire Authority) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In these Regulations and in the Schedule hereto—

" the Belfast Fire Authority " and " the Belfast Fire District " have the same meaning as in the Fire Services (Belfast Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947

" appliances," " chief officer," " equipment," " fire brigade," " fire engines," " fire officer " and " standard fire provision " have the same meaning as in the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) (Reprint), 1947 ;

" breathing apparatus " means apparatus, of a type approved by the Ministry, the function of which is to enable a wearer thereof to work in an atmosphere incapable of supporting human life ;

" emergency tender " means a self-propelled vehicle carrying such equipment for use in the protection of life and property in case of fire as may be approved by the Ministry ;

" fire boat " means a power-driven boat of a type approved by the Ministry, fitted with pumps, hose and other equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;

" motor launch—auxiliary " means a power-driven boat of a type approved by the Ministry, suitable for the purpose of conveying persons or supplies to a fire boat in operation at a fire ;

" foam apparatus " means apparatus, of a type approved by the Ministry, the function of which is to produce and deliver foam of a kind used for the extinction of fire ;

" foam tender " means a self-propelled vehicle carrying foam apparatus and materials for the production of foam of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;

" heavy pumping appliance " means a self-propelled vehicle either embodying or carrying a power-operated pump, of a type approved by the Ministry, capable of delivering water at the rate of not less than 600 gallons a minute, together with hose and ancillary equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;

" light pump " means a power-operated pump, of a type approved by the Ministry, capable of delivering water at the rate of not less than 120 gallons a minute, together with hose and ancillary equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;

" mobilising section " means a section of a fire brigade provided with telephones and such other equipment as may be needed for the purpose of carrying out the following functions :—

(1) the reception of calls for the service of a fire brigade in case of fire ;

(2) the maintaining of records of the availability for immediate use of appliances and equipment ; and

(3) the summoning of members of fire brigades when required ;

" pump escape major " means a heavy pumping appliance carrying a ladder, of a type approved by the Ministry, extending to not less than 40 feet ;