8. These Regulations may be cited as the " Education (Representatives on School Management Committees) Regulations, 1948 " and shall take effect as from the date hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of April, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell*
Secretary.

Provision of Milk and Meals

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH OCTOBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 289

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 43 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the date hereof.

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

(*a*) " Approved " means approved by the Ministry ;
" Authority " means Local Education Authority ;
" Dinners " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 8 ;
" Equipment " means furniture, plant, apparatus and articles of whatever kind (other than food and drink) required in connection with a school meals service ;
" Inspector " means one of the Ministry's Inspectors or any other person employed by the Ministry for the purpose of Inspection ;
" Managers " has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section 116 of the Act ;
" School Meals Service " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 (1).

(*b*) other expressions which have meanings assigned to them by the Act shall have the same respective meanings for the purpose of these Regulations.

3.—(1) With a view to the provision of milk, meals and other refreshment for pupils as hereafter provided, every authority shall provide for their area, and the managers of each voluntary grammar school shall provide, a service, hereafter called " the school meals service."

(2) The school meals service shall be available for the benefit of day pupils in attendance at all primary, intermediate and special schools and at county and voluntary grammar schools.

4.—(1) The authority or, in the case of a voluntary grammar school, the managers, shall take all such steps as are necessary to ensure that their school meals service is conducted so as to comply with the requirements of these Regulations and for that purpose shall provide or secure the provision of all facilities and materials required for its maintenance.

(2) The facilities so provided shall include premises, equipment and, when necessary, transport to such an extent as may be necessary.

5.—(1) The managers of every school to which this Regulation applies shall afford all such facilities at the school as may be required by the authority for the efficient maintenance of the school meals service and for that purpose shall allow the authority to use the school premises and equipment and to make such alterations to the school buildings, erect such further buildings and do such other work in relation to the school premises as will render them suitable for the purpose of the school meals service.

(2) Where the alteration or erection of buildings or the doing of other work as aforesaid is required only for affording facilities for the school meals service, the expense involved therein shall be borne wholly by the authority in exoneration of such managers.

(3) If in the opinion of the Ministry the use or alteration as aforesaid of any part of the school buildings deprives such managers of the use of the school buildings for essential purposes the authority shall make such provision as may be determined by the Ministry for making good the deficiency.

(4) This Regulation applies to every primary, intermediate or special school not being a school under the management of an authority or an independent school.

6.—(1) All premises used for the school meals service shall be adequate and suitable for that purpose, safe in case of fire, kept in proper state of repair and cleanliness, adequately lighted, heated and ventilated and suitably arranged and equipped.

(2) The equipment of the school meals service shall be kept in a proper state of repair and cleanliness.

(3) The premises and equipment shall be insured against fire and, when necessary, against the risk of explosion, fracture and collapse.

7. The premises, equipment and material used for the school meals service shall be open to inspection by an inspector and the authority