AND WHEREAS the Ministry is satisfied that a public inquiry is not necessary in respect of the said application :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Commerce by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section 4 of Section 7 of the Roads Act, 1920, (**a**) as applied by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and amended by sub-section 6 of Section 5 of the Roads Improvement Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, (**b**) and as having effect in virtue of the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (No. 3) Order 1944, (**c**) hereby orders as follows :—

1. A person shall not drive any mechanically propelled vehicle at a speed exceeding five miles per hour on Toome Bridge in the Counties of Antrim and Londonderry.

2. The Councils of the Administrative Counties of Antrim and Londonderry shall forthwith affix and keep affixed at such points as may be necessary notices intimating that the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles at a speed exceeding five miles per hour on the said bridge is prohibited.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of January, 1948.

(L.S.) (Signed) *Arthur Acheson Farrell*,
Assistant Secretary.

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Administration of Assistance

1948. No. 247

The National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by sections 2 (3), 8 (4), 9 (2) and 15 of the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Administration of Assistance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which they are

(**a**) 11-12 Geo. 5, c 72. (**b**) 18-19 Geo. 5, c 10. (**c**) S.R & O. (N.I.) 1944 No. 111.

confirmed by the Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the Act " means the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" Appeal Tribunal " means the Appeal Tribunal for the purposes of the Act ;

" application " means an application for an assistance grant or assistance in kind under the Act ;

" decision " means a decision of an officer of the Board or of an Appeal Tribunal as the case may be, with respect to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1) of section 14 of the Act and includes a decision given on review ;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment shall include references to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) Any notice or other document required or authorised to be given or sent to any person under the provisions of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been given or sent if it was sent by post to that person at his ordinary or last known address.

(5) 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.

Local Administration.

2.—(1) For the purpose of securing the prompt discharge of their functions under the Act, the Board shall set up local offices in such places and for such areas as they shall from time to time think fit.

(2) Subject to any arrangements for the discharge of the said functions by officers of another Government department or of a local authority, local officers of the Board shall discharge the functions of the Board in relation to applications for assistance and the decision of all questions arising thereon, and such other functions as the Board may from time to time assign to them.

Applications.

3.—(1) Every application shall be made in writing and given or sent to an office of the Board on the form approved by the Board, or in such other manner, being in writing, as an officer of the Board may accept as sufficient in the circumstances of any particular case.

(2) A person shall be treated as having made an application on the date on which the application is received by an officer of the Board :

Provided that where it is represented, and the officer is satisfied, that the application has been unduly delayed in transmission, he may treat the person as having made the application on the date on which it would have been so received but for the delay.