the same shall be taxed by the taxing officer of the Parliament of Northern Ireland) shall be paid by the Commissioners out of the rates authorised to be levied or the moneys authorised to be borrowed by the Belfast Water Acts 1840 to 1938 and by this Order and if paid out of borrowed money shall be repaid within five years from the making of this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.) *W. McCaughey*,
Assistant Secretary.

Portadown and Banbridge Regional Waterworks Joint Board

ORDER, DATED THE 1ST JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1945, WITH RESPECT TO THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE BOROUGH OF PORTADOWN, URBAN DISTRICTS OF BANBRIDGE, DROMORE AND NEWRY AND THE RURAL DISTRICTS OF BANBRIDGE, DOWNPATRICK, NEWRY NO 1 AND TANDRAGEE.

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WHEREAS the Borough of Portadown, the Urban Districts of Banbridge, Dromore and Newry and the Rural Districts of Banbridge, Downpatrick, Newry No. 1 and Tandragee (in this Order referred to as " the component districts ") are sanitary districts within the meaning of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1878 ") :

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1902 (a) (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1902 "), the Urban Districts of Portadown and Banbridge were formed into a united district (known as the Portadown and Banbridge Joint Waterworks District) and a joint board (called the Portadown and Banbridge Joint Waterworks Board) was constituted as the governing body of the said united district :

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") that it is expedient in the public interest to form, for the purposes of the Water Supplies and Sewerage Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1945 "), the component districts into a united district within the meaning of section twelve of the Act of 1878, and to dissolve the united district formed under the Act of 1902 :

(a) 2, Ed. 7. c. XCIII.

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has, prior to the making of this Order, published and given the notices required by the First Schedule to the Act of 1945 to be published and given :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section seven of the Act of 1945 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders as follows :—

General

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Portadown and Banbridge Regional Waterworks Joint Board Order (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" appointed day " means the 1st day of July, 1948 ;

" chairman " includes the mayor of a borough ;

" prescribed day " means a day prescribed by the Ministry.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921 shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Formation of District

2. The component districts shall be formed into a united district to be called the Portadown and Banbridge Regional Waterworks Joint District (in this Order referred to as " the united district ") for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the component districts.

Constitution of governing body

3.—(1) The joint board which shall be the governing body of the united district shall consist of four ex-officio and twenty elective members, and shall be called the Portadown and Banbridge Regional Waterworks Joint Board (in this Order referred to as " the Joint Board ").

(2) The chairman for the time being of each of the following councils shall be an ex-officio member of the Joint Board :—

The Council of the Borough of Portadown
The Council of the Urban District of Banbridge
The Council of the Urban District of Newry
The Council of the Rural District of Banbridge

(3) The elective members of the Joint Board shall be elected annually by the councils of the component districts (which councils are in this Order referred to as " the component authorities ") from amongst their own members as follows :—

The Council of the Borough of Portadown	—7 members
The Council of the Urban District of Banbridge	—3 members

The Council of the Urban District of Dromore —1 member
The Council of the Urban District of Newry —2 members
The Council of the Rural District of Banbridge —4 members
The Council of the Rural District of Downpatrick—1 member
The Council of the Rural District of Newry No. 1—1 member
The Council of the Rural District of Tandragee —1 member

Provided that the Ministry may, on the application of the Joint Board and with the consent of each of the component authorities, vary the number of members of the Joint Board or the number of members to be elected by a component authority.

Disqualification

4. Such of the provisions of Article 12 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898 as relate to members of district councils and the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 36 of the said Schedule shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to members of the Joint Board.

Date of first election

5.—(1) The first election of members of the Joint Board shall take place at a meeting of each of the component authorities to be held within six weeks after the appointed day or within such further time as the Ministry may allow.

(2) The clerk of each of the component authorities shall give or send to each member of the authority not less than seven days' previous notice in writing of the meeting.

(3) The persons elected in pursuance of this article shall come into office on such date as the Ministry may direct.

Notification to the Ministry of members at first election

6. The clerk of each of the component authorities shall notify to the Ministry in writing within seven days after the first election the name, address and occupation of each of the persons elected by such authority as a member of the Joint Board.

Annual election

7.—(1) The elective members of the Joint Board shall go out of office and their successors shall come into office on the first day of July in each year or on such date as the Ministry may from time to time appoint.

(2) After the first election, an annual election of elective members of the Joint Board by the component authorities shall take place at the annual meeting of each of the component authorities or at such meeting as the Ministry may appoint.

Continuance in office

8. Each elective member of the Joint Board shall continue in office

until the expiration of the period for which he was elected a member of the Joint Board, or until he dies or resigns or vacates his seat for absence or becomes an ex-officio member of the Joint Board or becomes disqualified, whichever first happens.

Casual vacancies

9.—(1) Any vacancy occurring amongst the members of the Joint Board shall be filled by the component authority in whose representation the vacancy happens at a meeting to be held within six weeks of such vacancy occurring or within such further period as the Ministry may determine.

(2) The clerk of the component authority shall give or send to each member of the authority not less than seven days' previous notice in writing of the meeting.

(3) The clerk of the component authority shall forthwith notify in writing to the clerk of the Joint Board the name, address and occupation of any person elected under this article to fill a casual vacancy.

Proceedings at elections

10. Subject to the express provisions in that behalf contained in this Order the business at elections of members of the Joint Board shall be conducted and all questions shall be put and decided in the same manner as other business is conducted and other questions are put and decided at the meetings of the component authorities respectively.

Incorporation of Joint Board

11. The Joint Board constituted as aforesaid shall be a body corporate by the name of " The Portadown and Banbridge Regional Waterworks Joint Board " and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold lands for the purposes in this Order mentioned.

Powers, rights, duties, etc., of Joint Board

12.—(1) For the purpose of providing a supply of water to the component authorities the Joint Board shall, subject as hereinafter provided, have all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities and obligations of a sanitary authority under the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1946 and the Act of 1945.

(2) The Joint Board shall have no power to supply water to any person or persons within the component districts other than to the component authorities, but may exercise the power of supplying and selling water to persons in other districts conferred by section two of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, as amended by sub-section (4) of section seven of the Act of 1945.

(3) It shall be lawful for the Joint Board and any of the component authorities to make and carry into effect, notwithstanding anything