(*c*) the placing of contracts or orders for the provision of equipment ;

(*d*) the furnishing of information to the Ministry ;

(*e*) such other matters as appear to the Ministry necessary or desirable for the purposes of these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 10th day of March, 1948, in the presence of

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 10th day of March, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary.

External Maintenance Grants

REGULATIONS DATED 10TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six and Section one hundred and twelve of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the External Maintenance Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland ;

" approved " means approved by the Ministry ;

" school " means a primary, intermediate or special school, not being an independent school or a school under the management of a local education authority ;

" grant " means grant payable, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of Section one hundred and six of the Act, in respect of the external maintenance of a school ;

" managers " has the meaning assigned to that expression by Section one hundred and sixteen of the Act.

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

3. Subject as hereinafter provided, where any external maintenance works estimated to cost more than £20 are proposed by the managers of a school it shall be a condition for the payment of grant in respect of the expenditure on such works that before such expenditure is incurred particulars thereof have been submitted to and approved by the Ministry :

Provided that in the case of external maintenance works estimated to cost more than £20 which could not reasonably have been anticipated and the non-performance of which would be likely to result in risk of injury to persons, or immediately to cause damage to property or a nuisance, failure to obtain the approval of the Ministry before the commencement of such works shall not be a disqualification for the payment of grant if the Ministry is satisfied that the managers have, as soon as was reasonably practicable, furnished the Ministry with particulars thereof.

4.—(1) Applications for grant shall be made in such form at such time and with such particulars as the Ministry may require.

(2) Payment of grant shall be made to the managers in respect of approved expenditure on external maintenance works on application to the Ministry for such grant and on the production to the Ministry of satisfactory evidence that such expenditure has been incurred by the said managers.

5.—(1) As a condition for the payment of grant the Ministry may require managers to give an undertaking that in the event of the discontinuance of a school in respect of which grant is paid the said managers will repay to the Ministry the amount by which payments of grant during the year immediately preceding such discontinuance exceeded in the aggregate fifty pounds.

(2) On the discontinuance of a school the Ministry may withhold any grant then due in respect of expenditure incurred before discontinuance, notwithstanding that such expenditure had previously been approved for the purpose of these Regulations.