(2) The first, or second, bedroom.

Provided that, in the case of the first, or second, bedroom, it shall be permissible to substitute for a fireplace, or other fixed means of heating, an electric or gas service connection, to which a heating appliance can be conveniently connected.

Where the principal means of heating proposed is otherwise than by the use of solid fuel, the provision of fireplaces as above may not be required, but, in any such case, specific approval shall be sought to the system proposed."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of :—.

(L.S.) *Ronald Green*,
Assistant Secretary.

Small Dwellings Acquisition — Rate of Interest

ORDER, DATED 17TH JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION FIVE OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1921.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by section five of the Housing Act, 1921, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby orders as follows :—

1. The rate of interest on advances to be made under section one of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, on or after the 17th day of January, 1948, shall be three and one-quarter per centum per annum:

Provided that nothing in this Order shall affect the rate of interest on any advance made or to be made or expenses incurred or to be incurred in respect of contracts entered into or applications granted under the said section prior to the 17th day of January, 1948.

2. The Rates of Interest (Housing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1946 (a), made by the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland on the 12th day of November, 1946, is hereby revoked.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1946 No. 207.