and shall be audited by such local government auditor as may from time to time be appointed by the Ministry for that purpose.

(2) The auditor so appointed shall, with respect to the accounts of the Joint Board, have the like powers and be subject to the like obligations in every respect as in the case of an audit of the accounts of a district council under the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland) 1898 to 1946, and the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and any person aggrieved by the decision of the auditor shall have the like rights and remedies as in the case of such last-mentioned audit.

(3) If upon any audit of the accounts of the Joint Board it is ascertained that the Board have a surplus of receipts over expenditure such surplus shall be dealt with in such manner as the Ministry may direct.

(4) The proportion of the salary of the auditor to be paid by the Joint Board shall be determined by the Ministry and shall be paid accordingly to such bank or person as the Ministry may direct.

(5) The clerk of the Joint Board shall forward to the Ministry so many copies of the abstract of the accounts of the Joint Board when duly audited as the Ministry shall require.

(6) The Joint Board shall be and be deemed to be a public body within the meaning of the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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

Mid-Antrim Waterworks Joint Board

ORDER, DATED THE 7TH MAY, 1947, 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 RURAL DISTRICTS OF ANTRIM, LARNE AND BALLYMENA AND THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BALLYCLARE.

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WHEREAS the Rural Districts of Antrim, Larne and Ballymena and the Urban District of Ballyclare (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 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 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 Mid-Antrim Waterworks Joint Board Order (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression " appointed day " means the 7th day of May, 1947.

(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 Mid-Antrim 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 eight elective members and shall be called the Mid-Antrim Waterworks Joint Board (in this Order referred to as " the Joint Board ").

(2) The chairman for the time being of each of the councils of the component districts (which councils are in this Order referred to as " the component authorities ") shall be an ex-officio member of the Joint Board.

(3) Two elective members shall be elected annually by each of the component authorities and the said members shall be chosen by each of the component authorities from among its own members.

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.