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 12th day of November, 1946, shall be two and three-quarters 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 12th day of November, 1946.

2. The Rates of Interest (Housing No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland), 1939 (**a**), made by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland on the 6th day of October, 1939, is hereby revoked.

3. This Order may be cited as the Rate of Interest (Housing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twelfth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, in the presence of

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

Approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twelfth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

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

Housing Subsidy Order

ORDER, DATED 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE HOUSING (No. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") with the approval of the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by section one of the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of every other power it thereunto enabling hereby makes the following Order :—

(a) S. R. & O., (N.I.), 1939, No. 144.

General contributions payable to and by local authorities.

1. In respect of each new house of any of the three categories mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Order completed after the passing of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1945 ") and before the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, by a local authority in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry under section one of the Act of 1945, the Ministry shall in pursuance of sub-section (1) of the said section pay to the local authority sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified opposite such category in the second column of the said Schedule and the local authority shall in pursuance of section two of the Act of 1945 pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified opposite such first-mentioned amount in the third column of the said Schedule.

Special provision as to hostels.

2. Where a local authority, in accordance with a housing scheme approved by the Ministry, have provided accommodation for single workers in a hostel completed before the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, then, subject to the local authority complying with such conditions, if any, as the Ministry may impose, each part of the hostel designed for separate occupation by such workers shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be a new house in respect of which sixty successive annual contributions are payable to and by a local authority under sections one and two of the Act of 1945, so, however, that the amount of the annual contribution payable by the Ministry to the local authority in respect of each such part shall be the sum of eleven pounds, and the amount of the annual contribution payable by the local authority to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such part shall be the sum of five pounds.

Special provisions as to flats.

3. Where the Ministry is satisfied that by reason of the high cost of the provision by a local authority of housing accommodation in flats on a central site in a county borough, the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the local authority in providing such accommodation is substantially greater than the aggregate of the annual contributions payable to and by the local authority under Article 1 of this Order, the Ministry may make to the local authority, in addition to the appropriate contribution under that Article a further annual contribution for a period of sixty years of such amount, not exceeding twenty pounds in respect of each flat so provided, as the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may determine, and the local authority shall in respect of each such further contribution so paid to them by the

Ministry pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account a sum equivalent to one-half of the amount thereof.

4. Where a building provided by a local authority before the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, for the accommodation of workers in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry, is divided into self-contained flats each forming a complete residence, each such flat completed before the said date shall, for the purposes of Article 1 of this Order, be deemed to be a new house in respect of which contributions are respectively payable under the said Article.

Increased contributions in respect of certain houses in rural areas.

5. Where, in relation to any house built by a rural district council, the Ministry is satisfied that by reason of—

(i) the cost of the provision of the house;

(ii) the rent which it will be practicable to obtain for the house when completed;

(iii) the expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the rural district council under the Housing Acts; and

(iv) the general financial resources of the council;

increased financial assistance is necessary, the Ministry with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may, in lieu of the appropriate contribution payable by it to the council under the provisions of Article 1 of this Order pay to the council sixty successive annual contributions of such increased amount (not exceeding thirty-five pounds) as the Ministry may consider just and reasonable, and where an increased annual contribution is paid to them by the Ministry under this Article in respect of any house the council shall pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of that house sixty successive annual contributions of six pounds and ten shillings in lieu of contributions of the appropriate amount specified in the third column of the Schedule to this Order.

Special provisions in respect of certain houses in remote areas.

6. Where the Ministry is satisfied that the annual expenditure chargeable by a local authority to their Housing Revenue Account in respect of any house is, in consequence of the remoteness of the site thereof from centres of supply of building labour and material, likely to be substantially greater than the aggregate of the maximum contribution payable by the Ministry to, and the contribution payable by, the local authority under the foregoing provisions of this Order in respect of that house, the said maximum contribution may, notwithstanding anything in those provisions, be increased by such sum as the Ministry, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may determine.