Land Cultivation : Grass Seeds and Fertilisers

ORDER, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939, AS HAVING EFFECT BY VIRTUE OF THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL POWERS) ACT, 1945 (a).

1946. No. 13

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1943 (b), made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, and by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, and an Order in Council made thereunder (a), hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" holding " means the land held by an occupier ;

" land " means land with respect to the cultivation, management or use of which for agricultural purposes the Ministry has power to give directions under paragraph (1) of the principal Regulation ;

" occupier " means the person rated or liable to be rated to the poor rate in respect of the holding, or who would be so rated or liable to be rated but for the provisions of section one of the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and includes, in relation to any holding the occupier of which is absent from Northern Ireland, any agent or other person entrusted with the management of the land on his behalf ;

" principal Regulation " means Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

2. The occupier shall not allow any land comprised in his holding which has been ploughed to return to grass in the year 1946 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in force without sowing the land with grass and clover seeds in accordance with the next succeeding Article of this Order.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Article every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass, whether with or

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6, Ch. 10.; and S. R. & O. 1945 No. 1621.
(b) S. R. & O. 1943 (No. 1344) II, p. 1725.

without a nurse crop, in the year 1946 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation, shall sow on the land a grass and clover seeds mixture in which—

(*a*) at least 20 lb. of Ryegrasses, and

(*b*) at least 3 lb. of Cocksfoot, and

(*c*) at least 3 lb. of Timothy, and

(*d*) at least ½ lb. of Wild White Clover of United Kingdom origin or White Clover certified by the New Zealand Government Department of Agriculture as of " Mother Seed " or as of " Permanent Pasture " standard,

must be present in the quantity of seed sown on each statute acre :

Provided that the provisions of this Article—

(i) shall not apply in relation to any land, wherever situate, which has been sown down with commercially pure Italian Ryegrass or commercially pure Crested Dogstail ; and

(ii) shall, in relation to any land situate in either of the areas mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Order, have effect so as to require the grass and clover seeds mixture to be sown on each statute acre to be the mixture respectively specified in respect of that area in the second column of that Schedule.

4. Every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass whether with or without a nurse crop in the year 1946, or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation, shall apply to the land a dressing consisting of—

(*a*) not less than three hundred weight per statute acre of superphosphate ; or

(*b*) not less than one hundredweight per statute acre of Concentrated American superphosphate that is to say superphosphate of lime containing more than 30 per centum by weight of water soluble phospheric acid (P_2O_5) ; or

(*c*) not less than five hundredweight per statute acre of basic slag, ground rock phosphate or semsol.

And such mixture shall be so applied within one month before or after the date of sowing a grass and clover seeds mixture in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding Article of this Order or, where that mixture is sown with flax as a nurse crop, at a time not later than the 31st day of October following the said date :

Provided that the provisions of this Article shall not apply in relation to any land situate outside the areas specified in the first column of the