period of two years, after deducting therefrom the period of probationary service given by him before undertaking war service. If his work is then regarded as satisfactory he may be granted full certification from the date on which he would have completed his probationary period had he been in teaching employment during his period of war service. If, however, as a result of reports furnished by the Principal of the school and by the Inspectors of the Ministry, such a teacher is not regarded as suitable for full certification then and in every such case the provision of the Principal Regulations shall apply. In every case in which full certification is eventually granted, it shall be deemed to take and have effect from the date on which it would have been granted had the teacher been in teaching employment during his period of war service: provided however that a teacher to whom this Article applies may not be placed on the appropriate scale of salary with effect from any date prior to that upon which he resumes teaching employment.

12.—In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction or application of any of these Regulations, or as to the validity of any claim, right or lability thereunder, the same shall be determined by the Ministry whose decision thereon shall be final.

13.—The Interpretation Act, 1921 (12 Geo. 5, ch. 4), shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

14.—These Regulations shall take and have effect as from the 1st September, 1939.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April, 1940, in the presence of

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

ELECTIONS.

Belfast City and District Water Commissioners

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED THE 15TH AUGUST, 1940, MADE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE CHARTERED AND OTHER BODIES (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1940.

1940. No. 95.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

ABERCORN.

WHEREAS it is provided by paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (i) of section 2 of the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1940 (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), that the Governor of Northern Ireland may, by Order in Council, on an application made on behalf of any corporation or body of persons constituted by Act of Parliament, make such provision for extending the term of office of members of the corporation or body, or postponing the date of election of new members of the corporation or body, or for the filling of vacancies among such members, as may appear to the said Governor to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of securing economy or efficiency in carrying on the work of the corporation or body during the period of the present emergency :

AND WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section (2) of the said section 2 of the Act that an Order in Council made for the purposes specified aforesaid may give such directions as to any special register of electors kept for the purpose of election of members of that corporation or body as appear to the said Governor to be expedient :

AND WHEREAS any Order in Council made under the said section 2 of the Act may contain such incidental and consequential provisions as appear to the said Governor to be expedient, and shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment relating to the constitution or functions of the corporation or body to which the Order relates :

AND WHEREAS the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners have made application for an Order postponing the date of the ordinary election of the members of such corporation (in this Order referred to as " the Commissioners ") and postponing the preparation of the register of electors kept for the purpose of the election of the Commissioners and providing for the filling of occasional vacancies among the Commissioners :

AND WHEREAS the corporation consisting of the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as " the Water Board ") was duly constituted by the Belfast Water Act, 1840 :

AND WHEREAS it is provided in effect by Section 4 of the Belfast Water Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, that the date of the ordinary election of the Commissioners shall be the second Tuesday in the month of March in each year and on that day one-third of the Commissioners (other than ex-officio members) or as near as may be to that proportion shall go out of office and their places shall be filled by the election of a like number of Commissioners :

AND WHEREAS it appears to be expedient for the purposes of securing economy and efficiency in the carrying on of the work of