Finance.

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST MARCH, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATING AND FINANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929, AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, 20 Geo. V, cap. 10, and the Local Government (Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, 26 Geo. V, and 1 Ed. VIII, cap. 10, and of all other powers it thereunto enabling, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, and after consultation with the Ministry of Education in regard to matters relating to education authorities, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Short Title and Interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Finance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, and shall be construed as one with the Local Government (Finance) Regulations, 1936.

(2) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them, namely :—

" The Act " means the Local Government (Finance) Act, (Northern Ireland), 1936.

" The 1929 Act " means the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929.

" Urban Local Authority " means the Council of a County Borough, Borough or Urban District, the Commissioners of a Town and the Water Commissioners.

" The principal Regulations " means the Local Government Finance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1936.

" The Financial Year " means the year beginning on the 1st April and ending on the 31st March following.

Other expressions to which special meanings are assigned by the Act or by the 1929 Act have the same respective meanings as in these Acts. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to Acts of Parliament.

Deficiency Contribution—Dates of Payment.

2.—The fourth day of May shall be substituted for the seventh day of June in Articles 3 (2), 6 (2), and 7 (3) of the principal Regulations.

3.—(1) To give effect to the provisions of Section 3 (5) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and Section 1 (6) of the Unemployment Assistance (Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, the deficiency contribution to the Belfast County Borough Council shall be reduced by an amount which bears the same relation to the contributions under the above Acts in each financial year as the deficiency contribution bears to the actual rate collected excluding Government bounty, provided that in the applicaton of this Article to the expenditure incurred in paying the contribution under Section 3 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, in respect of the three years ended 31st day of March, 1937, the said expenditure shall be deemed to have been incurred during the financial year ended 31st day of March, 1937. Provided also that the total deficiency contribution calculated on the actual rates struck for the year ended 31st March, 1937, shall be deemed to be £127,094 and that the amount calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to include a sum of £1,716 2s. 2d. in respect of the Harbour Commissioner ratings. Deficiency Contribution—Belfast County Borough Council.

(2) Where in any of the five local financial years within the period ending on 31st day of March, 1941, the rate to be paid by the Belfast Harbour Commissioners is the sum referred to in Section 12 (1) (c) (ii) of the Revaluation (Consequential Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, the deficiency contribution payable on the difference between such rate and the rate ascertained under Section 12 (1) (c) (i) of the said Act, shall be added to the actual deficiency contribution calculated in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) Article 6 (12) of the principal Regulations shall not apply to the Belfast County Borough Council.

4.—(1) In the application of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the principal Regulations to any town which is constituted an Urban Sanitary District after the passing of the Act, the period beginning on the 1st day of April in the financial year in which the constitution takes place and ending on the 31st day of March in the financial year in which the constitution has been in force for six completed financial years shall be substituted for the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1930, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1936. Deficiency Contribution—Urban Local Authorities.

(2) Where the boundary of any Urban Local Authority is extended subsequent to the passing of the Act the deficiency contribution to be paid to such Authority shall not in respect of the local financial year in which such extension takes place or any subsequent year be in excess of the greatest sum which would have been paid to such Local Authority had the rates actually struck during the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1930, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1936, been levied on valuations of the same amount and distinguishment as the valuations in force in the first local financial year during which such extension takes effect.