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**THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.**

THE LABOURERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1927.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the provisions of the Labourers Acts (Northern Ireland), 1883 to 1923, and in exercise of the powers vested in the Ministry in this behalf, hereby orders and directs that the following shall be rules under the said Acts, and shall, from and after the date hereof, have effect and be observed in regard to the several matters to which they relate:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The Labourers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927," and shall be construed as one with the Labourers (Ireland) Order, 1912.
2. Rule 49 of the Labourers (Ireland) Order, 1912, is hereby revoked and the said Order shall henceforth be read and construed as if the following rule numbered 49 were therein inserted in place of and substitution for rule 49 hereby revoked:—
49. The Council shall employ a competent person to act as architect, engineer, or surveyor for the purposes of an improvement scheme, and may pay him for his services as follows:—

At a rate not higher than ten shillings per plot for each plot included in the scheme (such payment not to include the cost of Ordnance Maps, which shall be supplied gratis by the Council), and at a fee, based upon the cost of the works executed in accordance with the contracts for the execution of the works, not exceeding a sum calculated on the following scale:—

5 per cent. of the cost of the first ten completed houses in the scheme;

2½ per cent of the cost of the next fifty completed houses in the scheme; and

1½ per cent of the cost of the remaining completed houses in the scheme.

The foregoing fees shall cover preparation of all necessary maps, including, in addition to those referred to in Rule 9, maps to accompany notices to owners, lessees, and occupiers, maps of alternative sites, maps for purposes of registration of title, and all plans, specifications and estimates that may be required; attendance on the committee selecting sites; attendance at the Inquiry by the Inspector; visiting the plots of land with the Inspector, if required; laying out of sites for contractors; not less than one visit each month to each cottage during course of construction; the making of a monthly report to the Council (Form 32) in regard to the progress and execution of the works; the issue of certificates (Forms 33, 34, and 35) for payments to contractors and as to completion of works; accompanying, when required, the Arbitrator and also the Engineering Inspector of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland on his inspection of the works; and all other work required to be performed by an engineer or architect for the effectual carrying out of an improvement scheme.

Provided that the Council may, subject to the approval of the said Ministry of Home Affairs, employ a competent person to perform all the aforesaid duties for a bulk sum or a fixed fee per cottage erected.

- 3 This order shall not affect any agreement made before the date hereof between a Coun-