

to the manner in which members to be appointed by existing Irish officers are to be selected :

And whereas in pursuance of the powers so conferred the Treasury made Regulations dated the 30th June, 1921 (S.R. and O. 1101 of 1921) :

Now therefore, we, being two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, do hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. Without prejudice to anything already done, the Regulations dated the 30th June, 1921, are hereby repealed.

2. The member of the Committee to be appointed by the existing Irish Officers shall be selected from time to time by means of an election held in accordance with the following rules :—

(a) Every existing Irish Officer within the meaning of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, who has been transferred to the service of the Government of Northern Ireland under Section 59 of that Act, and is for the time being serving in that service, shall be qualified to vote at any such election, and is hereinafter referred to as an elector.

(b) Wherever an election is to be held the Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland shall appoint a person to be Returning Officer.

(c) The Returning Officer shall publish in two successive issues of the " Belfast Gazette " notice of the intended holding of an election, and of the time (which shall not be less than fourteen days after the issue of the " Belfast Gazette " in which the notice first appears), before which nomination papers are to be sent to the Returning Officer.

(d) No person other than an elector shall be qualified to be a candidate. A nomination paper must be signed by not less than three electors, and must be sent to the Returning Officer on or before the date specified in the notice published in the " Belfast Gazette."

(e) If only one persons is nominated he shall be deemed to be elected.

(f) If the number of persons nominated is more than one, the Returning Officer shall issue to each elector a voting paper containing in alphabetical order the names of all persons duly nominated, and shall specify a day not less than seven but not more than ten days from the date of the issue of the voting paper, on or before which the voting paper is to be returned to him.

(g) An elector shall be entitled to one vote only and shall record his vote by inserting in the voting paper a X against the name of the candidate for whom he intends to vote, and shall sign the voting paper with his name and address in the presence of a witness, who shall add his own name and address to the voting paper.

(h) An elector shall return the voting paper to the Returning Officer duly filled up and attested on or before the day fixed for its return.

(i) If an elector has not received a voting paper he shall be entitled, on his personal application to the Returning Officer before the day fixed for the return of the voting papers, to receive a voting paper.

(j) The Returning Officer shall within four days after the day fixed for the return to him of the voting papers inquire into the validity

of the votes given, and cast up and ascertain the number of valid votes given to each candidate, and the candidate who has obtained the greatest number of valid votes shall be deemed to be elected.

(k) Should two or more candidates each receive the greatest number of votes given for any one candidate, there shall be a further election in the manner already prescribed, the candidates being confined to the two or more candidates aforesaid.

(l) The Returning Officer shall publish in the " Belfast Gazette " the name of the candidate elected.

(m) Nomination papers and voting papers shall be in such form as the Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland may prescribe.

(n) Voting and nomination papers to be issued or returned by or to the Returning Officer may be sent by post.

3. The person elected in manner aforesaid shall hold office for a period of five years from the date on which his election is announced in the " Belfast Gazette."

Provided that he shall vacate his office if :—

(i) he leaves the service of the Government of Northern Ireland ; or

(ii) at any time after the expiration of six months from the election no fewer than one-third of the persons qualified to be elected as electors petition the Minister of Finance for the vacation of the appointment.

4. Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, effluxion of time, or otherwise, shall be filled by a new election in manner aforesaid.

5. The person elected shall not be competent to act as a member of the Civil Service Committee for Northern Ireland during the consideration of his own case.

6. (1) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (52 and 53 Vict., c. 63) applies for the purposes of the Interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) If any question arises as to the construction of these Regulations or as to any election or proceeding held or taken or purporting to be held or taken thereunder, the same shall be determined by the Treasury, whose determination shall be conclusive.

(Sd.), ALBERT BUCKLEY.
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Treasury Chambers,
Whitehall,
22nd December, 1922.

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THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND.

ELECTIONS OF ALDERMEN AND COUN-
CILLORS, BELFAST COUNTY
BOROUGH.

To the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of
Belfast.

To the Town Clerk of Belfast.

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Local Government Board for
Ireland by an Order under seal bearing date
the 22nd December, 1898, entitled "the Alder-