

of the Musical Director, Assistant Musical Director and the Company Officers at the Royal Naval School of Music to be on the scales laid down for Quartermasters, Royal Marines.

"6. The Musical Director, Assistant Musical Director, Company Officer promoted from the Band ranks and the Quartermaster at the Royal Naval School of Music to be eligible for promotion at the discretion of the Admiralty to the rank of Captain after 8 years' commissioned service.

"7. Directors of Music and the Musical Director of the Royal Naval School of Music to be compulsorily retired at the age of 60, the new age to be worked down to as follows:—

<i>On and after</i>	<i>Retiring Age to be reduced to</i>
1st January, 1921	63
" " 1922	61
" " 1923	60

"8. Directors of Music and the Musical Director of the Royal Naval School of Music to be eligible for retired pay on the scale laid down for Quartermasters, subject to the following conditions:—

(a) In the case of Officers promoted from the ranks or with previous Marine or Army Service, 15 years' total service to be required before they are permitted to enter the Quartermasters' scale, but all who had 15 years' total service in the ranks and with commissions, to enter the scale at the rate appropriate to their rank and length of commissioned service:

(b) In the case of Officers entered from civil life 15 years' service to be required before they enter the Quartermasters' scale; on attaining 15 years' service such Officers to enter at the minimum rate and to receive annual increments on the authorized scale according to length of service in excess of 15 years:

(c) Officers with previous Army service, if granted a pension from Army funds, to be eligible for retired pay from Naval Funds under the same conditions as Officers entered from civil life, and not to count their previous service, but to have the option of relinquishing their Army pensions as from date of appointment to the Royal Marines, and of being treated under the conditions laid down in paragraph (a) of this rule.

"9. The Assistant Director and Company Officers at the Royal Naval School of Music to be eligible for retirement and retired pay under the rules and on the scales applicable to Quartermasters."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *June*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty has been pleased to approve a change in the Constitution of the Army Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Army Council. All business other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself is to be transacted in the following principal sub-divisions:—

(a) The Under Secretary of State shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Force Associations and War Department Lands, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(b) The First Military Member of the Army Council (the Chief of the Imperial General Staff), the Second Military Member of the Army Council (the Adjutant-General), the Third Military Member of the Army Council (the Quartermaster-General), the Fourth Military Member of the Army Council (the Master-General of Ordnance), and the Fifth Military Member of the Army Council (the Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff) shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organisation, disposition, personnel, armament and maintenance of the Army, as may be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(c) The Finance Member of the Army Council shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance of the Army and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Secretary of the War Office shall be Secretary, and a Member, of the Army Council and responsible to the Secretary of State for the preparation of all official communications of the Council and for the interior economy of the War Office: he shall also be responsible on his appointment as Accounting Officer of Army Votes, Funds and Accounts for the control of expenditure and for advising the Secretary of State and the Administrative Officers at the War Office and in Commands on all questions of Army expenditure.

He shall further be charged with such other duties as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

So long as there are two Joint Secretaries of the War Office, one of them will be appointed to exercise all the financial functions above mentioned.

2. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated 3rd day of December, 1920.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *June*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is provided by the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, that, as from such date or dates as His Majesty in Council may by Order determine, there shall be trans-