

DRAINAGE.**Assessment of Lands to Drainage Rate.**

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, IN PURSUANCE OF SECTIONS 6 AND 21 OF THE DRAINAGE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925 (15 & 16 GEO. V., c. 24).

1927. No. 15.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Sections 6 and 21 of the Drainage Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Home Affairs hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. In making application to the Commissioner of Valuation for the nomination of a Valuator or Surveyor for the purpose of specifying the estimated increase of annual value according to which the several lands included in a major drainage scheme shall respectively be assessed for the purpose of a drainage rate, the Secretary of a County Council shall forward with such application (a) a schedule (in duplicate) of the lands to be valued, in the form annexed to these Rules (b) a detailed statement as to the extent of the scheme and its estimated effect, and (c) a map on a scale of not less than 6 inches to 1 mile showing each piece of land set out in the schedule marked with the reference number of the schedule.

2. Upon receipt of the application and schedule the Commissioner of Valuation shall nominate for the purpose of the scheme a Valuator or Surveyor from amongst the officers of his department, and shall notify the nomination to the County Council.

3. The officer so nominated will return one copy of the Schedule to the Secretary of the County Council setting out in the appropriate column thereof the estimated increases of annual value for each holding of land.

4. (a) On the completion of any such drainage works or on the expiration of the period or any extended period fixed for their completion, the Secretary of a County Council shall forthwith notify the Commissioner of Valuation, and the Commissioner of Valuation shall thereupon nominate for the purpose of the revision of the assessment fixed by the Scheme a Valuator or Surveyor and shall notify the nomination to the County Council.

(b) The Officer so nominated shall after inspecting the lands report to the Commissioner to what extent (if any) the assessments ought to be revised, and such report shall be accompanied by a schedule showing the original and the revised assessments.

(c) The Commissioner shall send a copy of such report and schedule to the Secretary of the County Council, and shall at the same time give notice by individual notice to be sent by post to the persons or bodies assessed, and by advertisement in two newspapers circulating within the affected area, of the places at which copies of the schedule will be available for inspection and of the time within which objections must be lodged with the Commissioner.

5. Objections to such revised assessment shall be lodged with the Commissioner within 21 days of the date of first publication of such notice, each objection to specify the suggested alteration and the reasons therefor, and to state the interest of the person objecting in the land proposed to be assessed. If any such objection has been presented and has not been withdrawn, the Commissioner shall fix a time and place at which the County Council and persons or bodies who shall have lodged objections shall have an opportunity of appearing and being heard by him and shall give reasonable notice thereof to the Council and to those persons.

6. The Commissioner of Valuation having heard all objections and having notified the persons or bodies concerned of the result thereof shall issue a certificate fixing the assessments of the several lands specified in the scheme and shall transmit such certificate to the County Council who shall thereupon make such refunds and levy such increased rate as may be found necessary in the same manner as they make refunds of rates and levy increased rates under the provisions of the Valuation Acts, as adapted and modified by Article 37 (n) of the Local Government (Adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order, 1899.

7. (a) Where at any time any person or body interested in the lands assessed (including the County Council) desires to make application to the Commissioner of Valuation for the amendment or apportionment of assessment which is in force under subsection (1) of Section 6 of the Act, a copy of such application shall be sent to the County Council provided that such application must be made not later than the 1st November in each year if the amendment or apportionment of assessment is desired to take effect the next ensuing local financial year. The application shall specify what alteration appears to the applicant to be necessary or proper.

(b) The Commissioner shall give notice of the application and of the time within which objections must be lodged in the manner provided in Article 4 (c) hereof, and after hearing such objections in the manner provided in Article 5 hereof the Commissioner shall not later than the 1st March following the receipt of such application, notify his decision thereon to the applicant and to the Secretary of the County Council and if necessary shall issue an

amending certificate to the County Council concerned, and such amending certificate shall have effect as from the beginning of the local financial year next ensuing.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance
this 5th day of February, 1927, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs
this 5th day of February, 1927, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Geo. A. Harris,*
Assistant Secretary.

DRAINAGE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

SCHEDULE OF LANDS INCLUDED IN SCHEME.

County of.....Union of.....

Townland of.....Rural District of.....Electoral Division of.....

Reference to Map.	Occupiers.	Description of Tenement.	Area..	Rateable Annual Valuation.			Total.	Special Observations of County Council.	Increase of Annual Value as estimated by the Nominated Valuator.
				Land.	Buildings.	Railways, Fisheries, Tolls, Half Rents, &c.			

Signed.....
Valuator

Date.....