

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ORDER.

The pay prescribed in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pay Order, 1922, and in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pay (Amending) Order, 1931, shall be subject in every case, save as hereinafter provided, to a deduction at the rate of five per cent. as a contribution to the general pension charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

In the case of officers and men of the Royal Ulster Constabulary who have joined on disbandment from the Royal Irish Constabulary, the amount of such deduction shall be at the rate of three and one-half per cent. during the unexpired portion of the first twelve years of service in the new Force, or until such time within that period as such officer or man shall be in receipt of a higher salary than that on which his disbandment allowance was calculated. Thereafter the normal deduction of five per cent. shall be made.

Reward Fund.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

1935. No. 27.

The Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the said Ministry by sub-section (5) of section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (as amended by section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1928), and by section 20 of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1935.

2. The Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations 1929 (including so much of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1922 to 1925, as was not repealed by the said Regulations) and the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund (Amending) Regulations, 1933, are hereby revoked.

3. There shall be established a fund, to be called "the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund" (in these Regulations referred to as "the Fund") and the Fund shall be deemed to be in continuation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund existing immediately before these Regulations came into force.

4. The Fund shall be deemed to be a public account and, in so far as not invested in accordance with Regulation 5 hereof shall be kept in the books of the Belfast Banking Company in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

5. The Ministry of Home Affairs may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, cause any surplus moneys not required for immediate needs to be invested in trustee securities in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and such investments shall form part of the Fund. The income derived therefrom shall be paid into the cash portion of the Fund, and such investments may from

time to time, with the sanction of the Ministry of Finance, be varied or realised.

6. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall, in respect of each financial year, prepare an account of the Fund and transmit such account to the Comptroller and Auditor-General for examination, and the requirements of section twenty and sections twenty-three to twenty-seven of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, in regard to cash accounts, shall be followed in relation thereto. Such account, together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon, shall be presented to the House of Commons with the Appropriation Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for the same financial year.

7. The expenditure from the Fund shall not, without the consent of the Ministry of Finance, exceed in any financial year the income of the Fund for that year.

8. There shall be paid to the Fund :—

- (a) any fines imposed on any officer or constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary ; and
- (b) any gifts of cash or securities received by way of donation to the Fund.

9. The fines imposed on officers or constables, as mentioned in Regulation 8 (a) hereof, shall be paid to the District Inspector and shall be credited by him to his public account, from which they will be transferred by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the credit of the Fund.

10. If any member of the said Constabulary is reported by his officers to have shown exceptional zeal, intelligence, or ability in the discharge of his police duties or has shown exceptional courage involving the risk of his life in the cause of humanity or in the interests of the public, an award may be made to him out of the Fund.

11. For the purpose of considering such cases, there shall be established a Reward Board composed of two officers of the Inspector-General's staff, who shall carefully weigh and consider the merits of each case and submit their opinion for the decision of the Inspector-General. In cases where a grant from the Fund is recommended, either without or in addition to a Favourable Record, the Inspector-General shall submit the recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs for approval.

12. The Minister of Home Affairs may grant individual rewards in exceptional cases on the recommendation of the Inspector-General without previous reference to the Reward Board, provided that such grants are reported to the Reward Board as soon as possible after being made.

13. Grants not exceeding £10 may be paid from the Fund, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General, in aid of the funeral expenses of men who die, while serving in the said Constabulary, from causes which would not warrant such expenses being met from moneys provided by Parliament.

14. No sum shall be paid out of the Fund, either in respect of a reward to a member of the said Constabulary or otherwise, without the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs previously obtained.

15. If it appears to the Ministry of Home Affairs that the moneys standing to the credit of the Fund at any time are more than sufficient to provide the sums payable thereout under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations the said Ministry may, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance (which consent may be given generally or in specific cases), direct that the surplus shall be applied for any or all of the following purposes:—

- (a) for increasing the grants under Regulation 13 hereof ;
- (b) for providing facilities for competitions, outdoor or indoor sports or recreation for members of the Force, or providing awards in connection with such activities ;
- (c) in any other manner, for the benefit of members of the said Constabulary, their widows, children or dependants ;
- (d) for the creation within the Fund of a Reserve Account not exceeding £500 to be utilized in the manner provided in Regulation 16 hereof.

16. The whole or any part of the moneys in the Reserve Account created in accordance with Regulation 15 (d) hereof may at any time with the consent of the Ministry of Finance (which consent may be given generally or in specific cases) be utilised by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the purpose of making exceptional payments for any or all of the other objects in that Regulation specified, and such exceptional payments shall not be reckoned as expenditure from the Fund for the purpose of Regulation 7 hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this
14th day of February, 1935, in the presence of—

(L.S.)

H. M. Pollock,

Minister of Finance
