Amendments to the Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1912.

In pursuance and exercise of the authority conferred on him by the Public Service Act, 1912 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), the Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor in Council, doth hereby revoke clause one hundred and ten of the regulations made under the said Act on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, as amended by notice published in the Gazette on the eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in lieu thereof doth make the regulation set forth in the Schedule hereto. The regulation hereby made shall come into force on the date of publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

SCHEDULE.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES.

REGULATIONS 110 and 110A are hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

110. (1.) The allowance shall be for each day of twenty-four hours. The day shall be deemed to commence at the hour of departure from headquarters, which for the purposes of this regulation shall be considered to be the office at which the officer ordinarily performs duty.

(2.) For any portion of a day the Trate shall be one twenty-fourth

of the full daily rate for each hour's absence.

(3.) In computing the time of absence, a fraction of an hour, if less than half an hour, shall not be taken into account, but half an hour or more shall be reckoned as one hour.

(4.) When an officer leaves and returns to headquarters the same

day, actual and reasonable expenses only shall be paid.

- (5.) An officer travelling by train may claim, in lieu of the ordinary travelling-allowance, an allowance of 17s. 6d. for the day of departure or return, provided he has incurred the cost of a sleeping-berth on the train, a receipt for which must be produced. Such allowance shall cover a period of twenty-four hours from the time of departure or return, or the whole period occupied in travelling if such period is less than twenty-four hours.
- (6.) In any case special arrangements may be made by the Com-

missioner as to the allowance to be made to any person.

(7.) Whenever the Permanent Head is satisfied that a lower travelling-allowance than the scale should suffice, he may direct accordingly.

- (8.) Payment for the use of a vehicle owned by an officer (motor-car, &c.) for journeys on the public service is only allowable where a public conveyance is not available, or available only at a greater cost, or where it is proved, to the satisfaction of the Permanent Head, that other means of transit would prove detrimental to the public interest on the grounds of urgency or otherwise.
- (9.) In all cases the least expensive means of conveyance available must be used, but if Government transit is available it must be
- (10.) All claims must state definitely the duty on which the officer is travelling, and be certified as correct by the Permanent Head of the Department.

As witness my hand this twelfth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

D. ROBERTSON, Public Service Commissioner.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1912, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, approves of the foregoing regulations.

LIVERPOOL Governor.

Approved in Council this twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. W. FURBY, Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.