Amendments and Additions 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-General in Council, doth hereby, in respect of the regulations made under the said Act on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and published in the New Zealand Gazette on the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and the amendments thereof made from time to time under the provisions of the said Act, make the amendments shown in the Schedule hereto.

Such amendments shall have effect from and after the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATION 49 is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted therefor:—

49. Every officer in the Public Service, and every temporary employee if circumstances should arise necessitating the retention of such employee in the service for more than a year, may be granted by the Permanent Head leave of absence for recreation on the following scale:—

(a.) When an officer has served for ten years or upwards not exceeding eighteen working-days in each year;

(b.) When he has served less than ten years, not exceeding twelve working-days in each year;

(c.) Officers who generally work more than six days a week, not exceeding twenty-four working-days in each year—to be taken in two periods of twelve working-days each, if desired.

The granting of any such leave of absence shall be subject to the express conditions—

(a.) That the behaviour of the officer has been in every way satisfactory;

(b.) That the total sick-leave during the previous twelve months has not exceeded twelve working-days; and

(c.) That his official duties have been satisfactorily performed.

All the days of absence in excess of the number of days allowed for sick-leave shall be deducted from the annual leave of absence granted for recreation; but in special cases the Commissioner may, on the recommendation of the Permanent Head, grant further leave.

Regulation 51 is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted therefor:—

51. An officer failing to avail himself of the annual leave provided for will not on that account be entitled to a more lengthened leave in any subsequent year, unless under special circumstances approved by the Commissioner: Provided that if an officer desires to accumulate leave he may be allowed to do so for two years only, subject, however, to his giving notice to the Permanent Head, when the annual leave schedule for the first year is being prepared, that he does not desire leave during that year. Such accumulated leave shall not in any case exceed thirty-six working-days.

Regulation 53 is hereby revoked.

Regulation 55 is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted therefor:—

55. Where sick-leave is applied for for more than one month the application must be referred to the Commissioner.

Sick-leave up to one month may be granted by the Permanent Head, and a report of all leave granted under this regulation shall be submitted every two months for the approval of the Commissioner.

Pay during sick-leave shall not be granted where an officer receives compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act.

Where in case of illness any officer who has received leave of absence for one month is not so far recovered as to be able to resume his duties, further extensions of leave may be granted by the Commissioner; provided that on each extension of leave the applicant shall be subjected to an examination by a medical practitioner approved by the Commissioner.