

Pay during sick-leave shall be in accordance with the following schedule :—

Length of Service.	Period for which Leave may be granted:	
	On Full Pay.	On Half Pay.
Under three months	1 week	..
Over three months and under six months	2 weeks	..
Over six months and under nine months	1 month	..
Over nine months and under five years ..	1 month	1 month.
Over five years and under ten years ...	2 months	2 months.
Over ten years and under fifteen years	3 months	3 months.
Over fifteen years and under twenty-five years	4 months	4 months
Over twenty-five years and under thirty-five years	5 months	5 months.
Over thirty-five years	6 months	6 months.

No exception will be made in the foregoing schedule, except in the case of illness resulting from causes that can be directly traced to the conditions under which an officer is working, or where an officer in the discharge of his duties and through no fault of his own sustains injuries of such a nature as to incapacitate him from duty.

If any officer is absent from duty on account of illness, and such absence has extended beyond three months, he shall not be permitted to return to duty until some medical practitioner approved by the Commissioner has certified that he is fit to resume work.

When extended leave is granted other than on full pay the rate paid for Sundays and holidays shall be the same as that allowed for the period of leave.

Sick-leave allowed, whether by the Permanent Head or by the Commissioner, under this regulation may be granted in one or more periods, but the aggregate amount of leave above stated is intended to cover the whole of the period of an officer's service.

Regulation 66 is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted therefor :—

66. The following days, or any days specially authorized by the Governor-General in Council instead thereof, shall be observed as holidays in the Administrative, Professional, and Clerical Divisions of the Public Service, except in the public branches of the Customs, Post and Telegraph, Tourist and Health Resorts Departments, or in the Prisons, Mental Hospitals, and other Departments to which special regulations apply, namely :—

- 25th and 26th December.
- 1st January.
- Good Friday to Easter Monday (inclusive).
- Labour Day.
- King's Birthday.
- Anzac Day.

Officers who cannot be granted such holidays may be granted equivalent time, provided it is taken within one month of the holiday :

Provided that officers of the Department of Agriculture who are engaged in meat-inspection, and whose duties involve their working on at least six such holidays during the year, may be granted in lieu of equivalent time six working-days leave during the year in addition to the annual leave granted under regulation 49 :

Provided further that officers of the Tourist and Health Resorts and Public Works Departments who are engaged as power-house engineers at hydro-electric works shall be required to work on such holidays, and in lieu of leave on such holidays shall be granted six working-days' leave during the year in addition to the annual leave granted under regulation 49.

As witness my hand this 25th day of November, 1921.

W. R. MORRIS, Public Service Commissioner.

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

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

Approved in Council this 5th day of December, 1921.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.