

Amendment of 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 special regulations affecting H.M. prisons and the officers employed therein, together with exemptions from the regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner on the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and as amended by notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the thirteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, make the further amendment shown in the Schedule hereto. Such amendment shall have effect from and after publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATION 11 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

11. 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 on full pay, 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 in accordance with the following Schedule; provided that on each extension of leave the applicant shall be subjected to an examination by a medical practitioner approved by the Commissioner.

| Length of Service. | Period for which Leave may be granted. | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | On Full Pay. | On Half Pay. | On Third Pay. | Without Pay. |
| | Months. | Months. | Months. | Months. |
| Under five years | .. | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| Over five years and under ten | 1 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Over ten years | 2 | 6 | 3 | 6 |

In exceptional cases special circumstances may be taken into consideration—*e.g.*, where an officer in discharge of his duties sustains injuries of such a nature as to incapacitate him for all duty, this scale may be varied.

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.

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 a period of three years, dating from the first absence on sick-leave.

The second or any subsequent triennial period will commence on the date of the first absence on sick-leave following the date upon which the previous triennial period expired; and for the three years thus commencing the full amount of leave as herein provided according to length of service may again be allowed.

As witness my hand this 14th day of December, 1920.

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 Zea-