in the discharge of his duty, shall not be entitled to pay during the period of his absence; provided that in exceptional cases the Commissioner may take any special circumstances into consideration, and authorize payment at such rate as he shall think fit.

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 Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, approves the foregoing regulations.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

Approved in Council this 20th day of December, 1920.

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

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

In 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 amendment shown in the Schedule hereto.

Such amendment shall have effect on and from the date of publication thereof in the New Zealand Gazette.

SCHEDULE.

Regulation 55 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

SICK-LEAVE.

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 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.