Amendment 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 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 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.

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 twenty years	4 months	4 months.
Over twenty years and under thirty years	5 months	8 months.
Over thirty years	6 months	12 months.
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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.

As witness my hand this 23rd day of December, 1925.

P. VERSCHAFFELT,

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.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

Approved in Council, this 12th day of January, 1926.

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