

The standard is raised from 52 per cent. to 54 per cent., that is to say, the weight of the dressed carcase as estimated by the Certifying Authority must be in the proportion of 60 lbs. to each hundredweight of the live weight of the animal, instead of 58 lbs. which was the requirement under Article 1 of the Cattle Industry (Emergency Provisions) Regulations, 1934.

The regulations will be published as a Statutory Rule and Order, and copies may be purchased in due course (price 1d., exclusive of postage) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Aadastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120 George Street, Edinburgh 2; York Street, Manchester 1; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

### RATES OF INTEREST ON GOVERNMENT LOANS.

The Ministry of Finance hereby gives notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Ministry by Section 2 (2) of the Exchequer and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, the following rates of interest shall be chargeable on loans or instalments of loans of the following descriptions advanced from the Government Loans Fund, on and after the 1st day of January, 1935, viz. :—

#### 1. LOCAL LOANS.

(A) Housing Loans to Local Authorities, secured on the Local Rates, in respect of :—

(1) The erection of houses under the Housing Acts (N.I.), 1890-1933.

Any period § ... 4 per cent.

(2) Advances under the Labourers Acts (N.I.), 1883-1930.

Not exceeding 50 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(3) Advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts (N.I.), 1899-1923.

Not exceeding 30 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(4) The making of grants or advances under the Housing Acts (N.I.), 1890-1933.

Not exceeding 40 years \* § 4 per cent.

(B) Other Local Loans to Local Authorities secured on the Local Rates in respect of any purpose not defined in 1 (A) above, including Loans to Drainage Authorities under the Drainage Acts (Northern Ireland), 1925 and 1931.

Not exceeding 35 years § ... 4 per cent.

In excess of 35 years (maximum 50 years) § ... 4½ per cent.

#### II. LAND AND WORKS LOANS.

(A) To owners and occupiers of land under the Land Property Improvement (Ireland) Acts :—

Not exceeding 22 years \* ... 4½ per cent.

In excess of 22 years (maximum 35 years) \* ... 4½ per cent.

(B) To Civil Servants for the purchase or erection of Houses for their accommodation :  
Not exceeding 20 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(C) Loans for the purchase, erection or improvement of Glebes and dwelling-houses under the Glebe Loans (Ireland) Act, 1870 :  
Not exceeding 35 years \* ... 4½ per cent.

#### III. DEVELOPMENT LOANS.

(A) Live Stock Improvement Loans :—

To Farmers for the purchase of pedigree sires for the improvement of stock :—

Not exceeding 5 years § ... 3 per cent.

(B) Livestock, Seeds and Fertilisers Loans :—

To Farmers for the purchase of Livestock, Seeds and artificial fertilisers :—

Not exceeding 5 years † ... 3 per cent.

(C) Machinery and Equipment Loans :—

To Farmers for the purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment, etc. :—

Not exceeding 5 years § ... 3 per cent.

(D) Minor Land Improvement Loans :—

To Farmers for the purchase or erection of—

(i) Agricultural buildings—

Not exceeding 5 years \* ... 3 per cent.

(ii) Silos (Wooden) structure—

Not exceeding 10 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(E) Sea or Inland Fishery—for the purchase of boats, engines or equipment :—

(1) Not exceeding 5

years \* § ... 3 per cent.

(2) Exceeding 5 years \* § ... 4 per cent.

(F) Schools :—

(i) Secondary and Preparatory Schools—

To the Governors or Trustees of Preparatory, Intermediate and Secondary Schools, for :—

(1) The purchase and erection of school equipment—

Not exceeding 10 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(2) The establishment and equipping of school libraries—

Not exceeding 5 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(3) The purchase, erection, extension or alteration of school buildings—

Not exceeding 35 years \* ... 4 per cent.

(ii) Public Elementary Schools—

For the purchase, erection or improvement of schools under the Schools and Training Colleges (Ireland) Act, 1884, and the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923-1931—

Not exceeding 35 years \* ... 4 per cent.

#### IV. OTHER LOANS.

The rate of interest to be charged on local, land and works, and development loans other than those defined in Parts I, II, and III of this Notice will be determined by the Ministry of Finance according to the circumstances of each individual case.

#### NOTE.—METHOD OF REPAYMENT.

Loans marked \* above are repayable by an annuity or rent charge, calculated to include interest at the rates specified. Loans