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ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL FINDS.

Regulations dated the 7th day of August, 1937, made by the Ministry of Finance under Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments Act (Northern Ireland), 1937.

WHEREAS by section four of the Ancient Monuments Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, it is provided in effect that, subject as in the said section mentioned, the finder of any archæological object shall, within fourteen days of such finding, report the circumstances of the finding and the character of the object either to the Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Advisory Council or to the officer in charge of a Royal Ulster Constabulary station, and shall together with such report deposit or forward the object found, unless it is of such a nature as not to be readily portable; that such archæological object may be retained by the Secretary of the said Council, or the constabulary officer aforesaid, for such period not exceeding twenty-one days as may be prescribed by regulations made under the said section; and that the finder shall not, until after the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of furnishing such report, without the consent of the Ministry of Finance, part with the possession of such object otherwise than

in accordance with the provisions of the said section;

And that the expression "archæological object" includes any object being a chattel, whether in a manufactured or unmanufactured state, which is, or appears to be, of archæological or historic interest, and which has, by reason of such interest, a value substantially greater than its intrinsic value or the value of the materials of which it is composed;

And whereas it is further provided by the said section that the Ministry of Finance may make regulations prescribing the action to be taken by the said Council or the constabulary officer aforesaid in regard to archæological objects deposited or received and reports furnished, and generally for carrying the said section into effect.

Now therefore, the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it as aforesaid, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. The officer in charge of a Royal Ulster Constabulary station (in these regulations referred to as "the police officer") on receiving a report and the deposit of an archæological object shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Advisory Council (in these regulations referred to as "the Secretary") at the office of the Ministry of Finance, May Street, Belfast, the report in writing together with such remarks thereon as the police officer may judge to be relevant, and shall also transmit to the Secretary the object found, if it has been deposited with him, and can conveniently be so transmitted.