

of the widow of a man shall be half of the disablement pension to which her husband would have been entitled for the highest degree of disablement.

(3) The provisions with respect to separation allowance shall not apply but, provided that analogous conditions are fulfilled—

(a) Under Article 8 (1) the children's allowance shall begin from the date of discharge;

(b) Under Articles 14 and 15 each child under the age of 16 may receive the allowance of £1; and

(c) It shall not be necessary for a dependant under Articles 20 and 22 to have drawn or to have been paid separation allowance or to have been eligible for such an allowance.

(4) "Discharge" shall mean ceasing to be in the service and pay of the Admiralty as aforesaid.

(5) Any case in which the said Regulations do not exactly apply may be dealt with by the Minister of Pensions with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in accordance with the intention of the Regulations and this Scheme.

BENEFITS UNDER SUPERANNUATION ACTS AND GREENWICH HOSPITAL ACTS.

6. No person who is eligible to benefit under this Scheme shall lose by virtue thereof any gratuity or any superannuation or other allowance for which he may be eligible under any provision of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1914: provided that any person who, if the Injuries in War (Compensation) Act, 1914, had not been passed, would have been entitled to any gratuity or allowance in respect of injury under Section 1 of the Superannuation Act, 1887, or to any pension or allowance under the Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 to 1898, shall remain entitled to the gratuity, allowance or pension, as the case may be, but shall be entitled to benefit under this Scheme only to the extent, if any, by which the value of the benefits it confers exceeds the value of the gratuity, allowance or pension.

BENEFITS NOT ASSIGNABLE.

7. A pension, grant or allowance under this Scheme shall not be capable of being assigned, charged or attached, and shall not pass to any other person by operation of law; and where the Minister of Pensions shall consider it desirable, in the interest of any person to whom any pension, grant, or allowance is payable, he may appoint a Trustee or Trustees and pay the money to him or them to be administered for the benefit of such person, or his dependants, or any of them, and the receipt of the Trustee or Trustees shall be a good discharge to the Minister of Pensions for the same.

RESERVED RIGHT TO SCHEME UNDER AGREEMENT.

8. Any other Scheme endorsed on the Agreement of an officer or man with the Admiralty may, if more beneficial, be applied in lieu of this Scheme in the case of such officer or man, or the widow or other dependants of such officer or man (other than the widow or dependants

of an officer or man who was at the time of his death in receipt of the benefits of this Scheme).

The pension, grant, or allowance of any person claiming under such Scheme shall be administered by the Minister of Pensions in accordance with the terms of such Scheme, but such person shall not be eligible for any benefits beyond those contained in such Scheme.

AMENDING ORDERS IN COUNCIL.

9. The provisions of any Order in Council in amendment of or in substitution for any Order in Council specified in this Schedule may be applied in lieu of the corresponding provisions of any such last-mentioned Order in Council.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION.

10. The Minister of Pensions shall be the sole administrator and interpreter of this Scheme.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of June 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of January 1914 an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and for purposes incidental thereto, was duly entered into by His Majesty and the other Signatory Powers more especially referred to and set out in the said Convention:

And whereas a Statute 4 & 5 Geo. 5, c. 50, intituled "an Act to make such amendments of the Law relating to Merchant Shipping as are necessary or expedient to give effect to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea" (being the Convention above referred to) was passed on the 10th day of August 1914, the short title of which is "The Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914":

And whereas by Section 29, Sub-section 5, of the said Act it was provided as follows:—

"This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1915:

"Provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, from time to time postpone the coming into operation of this Act for such period, not exceeding on any occasion of postponement one year, as may be specified in the Order":

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the coming into operation of the said Act has been from time to time postponed, and now stands postponed, by virtue of an Order in Council of the 9th day of December 1919, until the 1st day of July 1920:

And whereas His Majesty deems it expedient that the provisions of the said Act should be further postponed.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above-recited provision, and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be postponed from coming into operation until the 1st day of January 1921.

ALMERIC FITZROY.