

as may be after the issue thereof, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper to the Speaker, who shall be the returning officer for the purposes of the election.

3 Subject to the provisions of the Act and of this Order, an election of senators shall be held at such time not being more than one month after the receipt of the writ by the Speaker, and in such manner as may be provided by regulations or directions made or given by the House of Commons of Northern Ireland or (in the absence of or subject to regulations or directions so made or given) by the Speaker.

4. At any contested election of four or more senators the election shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote as defined by the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Irish Senators (Proportional Representation) Order, 1921.

5. At any contested election of less than four senators each elector may give one vote to each of the candidates, not exceeding the number to be elected, and no vote shall be transferable. The candidates or, if one senator only is to be elected, the candidate, receiving the greatest number of valid votes shall be deemed to be elected and shall be declared elected accordingly.

Provided that, where an equality of votes is found to exist between two or more candidates the Speaker shall determine by lot which of such candidates is or are to be deemed to be elected, and the candidate or candidates so determined shall be declared elected accordingly.

6. The Speaker at the conclusion of the election shall forthwith make return to the writ by endorsing thereon the names, places of abode, and professions, occupations or descriptions of the persons elected as senators, and by transmitting the same to the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

7. The Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper, on the receipt of the writ with the return thereto from the Speaker, shall cause the return to be entered in a book, called the "Return Book," to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall transmit a copy of that book, or of any entry in the case of a by-election, to the proper officer of the Senate.

8. Any writ or other document required in pursuance of this Order to be transmitted may be transmitted by delivering it to the person to whom it is to be transmitted, or by sending it by post in a letter addressed to him at his office or usual or last known residence or place of business.

9. The enactments relating to the taking of the oath required to be taken by members of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom shall, in their application to the members of the Senate, have effect with the following modifications:—

(a) references to the Parliament of Northern Ireland and to the Senate shall be substituted respectively for references to the Parliament and to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom;

(b) references to the person holding in the Senate the office corresponding to the office of Speaker shall be substituted for references to the Speaker of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom:

Provided that until such person has been

chosen by the Senate his powers and duties shall be exercised and performed by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, and until standing orders have been made for the purpose by the Senate the time and manner of taking the oath shall be such as may be directed by the person aforesaid or, if no such person has been chosen, by the said Lord Mayor.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

#### APPENDIX.

##### FORM A.

#### A WRIT FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATORS TO THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith, To the Speaker of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland, GREETING

We command you that, notice of the time and place of election being first duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law by the members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland of \*..... Senators to serve in the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and that you do cause the names of such Senators when so elected to be certified to Us in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

Witness Our Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland at Dublin the            day of  
in the            year of Our Reign and  
in the year of our Lord 192 .

Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

To.....

\* Here insert the number of Senators to be elected.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *April*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section fourteen of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, it is provided—

(a) that the House of Commons of Southern Ireland shall consist of one hundred and twenty-eight members returned by the constituencies in Ireland named in Part I. of the Fifth Schedule to the said Act, and that the number of members to be returned by each such constituency shall be the number mentioned in the second column of that Part; and

(b) that the House of Northern Ireland shall consist of fifty-two members returned by the constituencies in Ireland named in Part II. of the Fifth Schedule to the said Act, and that the number of members to be returned by each such constituency shall be the number mentioned in the second column of that Part;

and that the members shall be elected by the same electors and in the same manner as members returned by constituencies in Ireland to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, except that at any contested election of the full number of members the election shall be according to the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one trans-