(c) The number of guardians to be elected for each ward shall be that specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order opposite the name of the ward in column 1 of that Schedule.

6.—(1) An election of guardians of the new Union for each ward constituted by this Order shall be held before the appointed day, and, subject to the provisions of this Article, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in the Guardians (London) Election Order, 1898, as amended by the Local Elections (Alteration of Rules) Order, 1919, applicable to an election to fill ordinary vacancies.

(2) For the purposes of such election, the Town Clerk of the Borough, or in the event of his inability to act, such other person as the Mayor of the Borough may appoint, shall be the returning officer.

(3) The day of election shall be Monday, the 16th day of March, 1925, and notice of the election shall be published not later than Friday, the 20th day of February, 1925, and Part a of the First Schedule to the Election Order of 1898 shall have effect accordingly.

(4) The board rooms of the boards of guardians of the existing Parishes shall be deemed to be board rooms of the board of guardians of the new Union for the purposes of the Election Order of 1898.

(5) For the purpose of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, relating to the qualification of guardians, the new Union shall be deemed to have been formed on the 1st day of February, 1924.

7.—(1) The guardians of the new Union elected at the election directed by this Order shall come into office on the appointed day, and the persons in office as guardians for the existing Parishes shall retire from office on that day.

(2) The guardians of the new Union shall retire from office on the 15th day of April in the year 1928, and in every third year thereafter.

(3) Nothing in this Article shall affect the continuance in office of the guardians of any of the existing Parishes under and for the purposes of the Dissolved Boards of Management and Guardians Act, 1870, the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Act, 1903, and the Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) Act, 1904.

8.—(1) The first meeting of the guardians of the new Union shall be held on such day in the month of April, 1925, and at such time and place, as may be fixed by the returning officer at the first election of those guardians.

(2) The returning officer at the first election of guardians of the new Union shall give at least three days' notice of the date, time and place of the first meeting of the guardians, and of the business to be transacted at that meeting, to each guardian elected at the first election of guardians.

9. Any district of any of the existing Parishes for the purpose of the relief of the poor or vaccination, as such district exists immediately before the appointed day, shall be a district of the new Union for the like purpose, until such district shall be altered in pursuance of any provision in that behalf.

PART III.
OFFICERS.

10. Notwithstanding anything in any Order which may be applied to the new Union, the clerks and the treasurers of the guardians of each of the existing Parishes shall, subject to Section 2 of the Dissolved Boards of Management and Guardians Act, 1870, cease to hold their offices on the day of the first meeting of the guardians of the new Union, and at that meeting the first business, after the election of a chairman, shall be the appointment of a clerk and a treasurer to the guardians of the new Union :

Provided that those guardians may, if they think fit, at their first meeting, appoint persons temporarily to either of such offices, for a period not exceeding six months after the appointed day, or for such extended period as may be allowed by the Minister of Health.

11.—(1) All officers of the guardians of any of the existing Parishes (not being officers to whom the preceding Article of this Order extends), who are in office immediately before the appointed day, shall, on the appointed day, be transferred to and become officers of the guardians of the new Union.

(2) Any officer transferred by this Article, who on or before the 1st day of October, 1925, shall have attained the age of fifty years, or shall have completed not less than twenty-five years service under any authority or authorities to whom the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, applies, may, at any time during the period between the appointed day and the 1st day of October, 1925, relinquish his office.

(3) The guardians of the new Union may, at any time during the period between the appointed day and the 1st day of April, 1926, determine that any officer transferred by this Article shall cease to hold his office.

(4) Any officer transferred by this Article shall, until he relinquishes or otherwise ceases to hold his office under one of the foregoing provisions of this Article, be subject to any regulations applying to that office which may be in force within the new Union upon the appointed day, but, save as aforesaid, shall continue in his existing office upon the terms, conditions and scale of salary which, on the date of this Order, apply to that officer in respect of his office.

12.—(1) Where any officer, in office immediately before the appointed day, shall be deprived of any office, or shall suffer any direct pecuniary loss by reason of this Order, or by anything done in pursuance or in consequence of this Order, the Minister of Health may, if he sees fit, award such compensation as may, in his opinion, be equitable.

(2) Any officer transferred by Article 11 of this Order, who shall relinquish his office under the power in that behalf contained in sub-division (2) of that Article, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Article, to be deprived of that office.

(3) Any compensation awarded under this Article shall be paid by such persons, out of such fund, and in such manner, as the Minister of Health may direct.

13.—(1) If, at the first meeting of the guardians of the new Union, it shall be found necessary, for the purpose of providing for the