Calculation of Contributions.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 5, 8, 30 (1) (*e*) AND 44 (1) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1927. No. 109.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 5 and 8, paragraph (*e*) of sub-section (1) of Section 30 and sub-section (1) of Section 44 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, so far as regards Regulations which are required to be so made, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 4th day of January, 1926.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

"The Pensions Act" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925.

"The Insurance Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924 (14 & 15 Geo. 5, c. 38), or any Act repealed by that Act ;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour ;

"Employment" means employment within the meaning of the Insurance Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1925, other than Article 6 thereof are hereby revoked without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

4. For the purposes of the Pensions Act and any Regulations made thereunder, "contribution year" means any period commencing in June or July, as the case may be, and comprising two consecutive periods in respect of which contribution cards may be issued under any Regulations made under the Insurance Act, and for the time being in force.

5. In calculating for the purpose of paragraph (*b*) of Section 5 and paragraph (*c*) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act and of

proviso (iii) to the last named section, the average number of contributions paid by or in respect of an insured person within the meaning of that Act, a contribution shall be deemed to have been paid—

(i) in respect of every week comprised in any period during which under sub-section (3) of Section 60 of the Insurance Act no account is to be taken of arrears ;

(ii) in respect of every week (not comprised in the period mentioned in the preceding paragraph) as regards which the Ministry is satisfied that the insured person was—

(*a*) incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, or

(*b*) available for but unable to obtain employment ;

(iii) in the case of a person who entered into insurance for the purposes of the Pensions Act after the commencement of the first of the contribution years in respect of which the calculation is made, in respect of every two weeks which have elapsed between the commencement of that contribution year and the date of his entry into insurance for the purposes aforesaid :

Provided that the provision of paragraph (ii) (*b*) of this Article shall not apply to—

(i) a voluntary contributor, or

(ii) a person who elects to substitute 26 for 39 contributions under proviso (iii) to Section 8 of the Pensions Act.

6. In the case of an insured person within the meaning of the Insurance Act, contributions which by virtue of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1923 (S.R. & O., 1923, No. 1567), or Part VI of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924 (S.R. & O., 1924, No. 1545), are treated as having been paid by or in respect of him for the contribution year ending on the 1st day of July, 1923, or the 6th day of July, 1924, shall be deemed, for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of Section 5 and paragraph (*c*) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act and of proviso (iii) to the last named Section to have been paid by or in respect of him ; and in the case of contribution years subsequent to that ending on 6th July, 1924, a contribution shall be deemed for the purposes aforesaid to have been paid for every week in any contribution year in respect of which year contributions are treated as having been paid by virtue of Article 2 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1925 and Article 11 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1926, or the corresponding provisions of the Arrears Regulations for the time being in force, so however that this last provision shall not have effect where in any particular case the Ministry is of the

opinion that the circumstances were such as to make the provisions inapplicable to that case :

Provided that the provisions of this Article shall not apply in the case of a person who elects to substitute 26 for 39 contributions under proviso (iii) to Section 8 of the Pensions Act.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 27th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(L.S.)

W. F. Wackrill,
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 27th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Exempt and Excepted Persons.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT, (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1927. No. 132.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 15 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S.R. & O. of N.I., 1925, No. 157), hereinafter called " the principal regulations ", and shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 4th day of January, 1926.

2. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 4 of the principal Regulations :—

4. For the purposes of the Pensions Act sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 3 of the Insurance Act as modified and set out in manner following shall apply to persons who, under Section 15 of the Pensions Act, are deemed to be insured :—