

ORDER IN COUNCIL MADE UNDER THE ECONOMY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931, WITH RESPECT TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

1931. No. 151.

BY THE GOVERNOR AND PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.
(Signed) ABERCORN.

WHEREAS by the Economy Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, it is enacted that the Governor of Northern Ireland may, in respect of certain services, including Unemployment Insurance, make such Orders in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland as appear to the said Governor to be expedient for the purposes of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of any fund established by the enactments relating to any of the said services, and of effecting improvements in the arrangements for meeting such expenditure :

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that any such Order may, among other things, make provision for removing anomalies in the operation of the enactments relating to unemployment insurance and for the modification or termination of statutory or contractual rights, obligations and restrictions subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect :

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that the Minister or Ministry designated in any such Order may make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of that Order in respect of such matters as may be specified therein, and that such regulations shall, if that Order so provides, be presented to Parliament, and be subject to annulment, in such manner as that Order may specify :

And whereas it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained shall have effect :

Now, therefore, I, James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, by virtue of the enactments hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows :—

Provisions with respect to Benefit in the case of Special Classes of Persons.

1.—(1) For the purpose of removing anomalies which have arisen in the operation of the Acts in connection with the classes of persons hereinafter in this Article mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Ministry of Labour to make, as soon as may be after

this Order comes into operation, regulations which shall, in relation to the classes of persons to whom this Article applies, impose such additional conditions and terms with respect to the receipt of benefit and such restrictions on the amount and period of benefit, and make such modifications in the provisions of the Acts relating to the determination of claims for benefit, as may appear, necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

(2) The classes of persons to whom this Article applies are the following :—

- (a) persons who habitually work for less than a full week, and by the practice of the trade in which they are employed nevertheless receive earnings or similar payments of an amount greater than the normal earnings for a full week of persons following the same occupation in the same district ;
- (b) persons whose normal employment is employment for portions of the year only in occupations which are of a seasonal nature ;
- (c) persons whose normal employment is employment in an occupation in which their services are not normally required for more than two days in the week, or who owing to personal circumstances are not normally employed for more than two days in the week ;
- (d) married women who, since marriage or in any prescribed period subsequent to marriage, have had less than the prescribed number of contributions paid in respect of them : Provided that this class shall not include married women whose husbands are incapacitated from work or are unemployed and not in receipt of benefit.

(3) The regulations made under this Article in relation to persons of the class specified in sub-division (a) of paragraph (2) of this Article shall not operate so as to reduce the amount of benefit otherwise payable to any person in respect of any week by more than the amount by which the aggregate of the earnings or similar payments received by him in that week and of the benefit aforesaid exceeds the normal earnings for a full week of persons following the same occupation in the same district.

(4) Regulations made in pursuance of this Article may apply either generally to all the persons specified in paragraph (2) of this Article or to any class of those persons or to any portion of such a class, or with respect to them or any of them, in any specified area.

(5) In the case of a person who, immediately before the date on which any regulations made in pursuance of this Article come into operation, satisfied the requirements for the receipt of benefit under the law in force immediately before the said date, benefit

may, during such period as may be necessary for the examination of the qualifications of that person for the receipt of benefit under the said regulations, but not in any case after the expiration of three months from the said date, be paid to him as if the regulations had not been made.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

“The Acts” means the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1931:

“Benefit” means unemployment benefit, and includes payments under the Unemployment Insurance (Economy) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland), 1931:

“Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations: —

“Regulations” means regulations made under section thirty-five of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

(2) This Order and the Acts shall be construed together, and any reference in any Act or other document to the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1931, or to the enactments relating to unemployment insurance in Northern Ireland, shall be deemed to include a reference to this Order.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies in relation to this Order as it applies in relation to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Short Title, Commencement and Duration.

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Economy) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland), 1931, and shall come into operation immediately.

(2) This Order shall continue in force until the 30th day of June, 1933, and no longer.

Given at the Council Chamber, Belfast, this 29th day of October, 1931.

Craigavon.

R. Dawson Bates.

J. M. Andrews.

J. Milne Barbour.

A. B. Babington.