Collection of Contributions.

SEE under NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE. S.R.O. 1932. No. 105. p. 302.

Exempt and Excepted Persons.

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH JULY, 1932, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925 TO 1931.

1932. No. 91.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 14, sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 15 and sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, as amended by Section 12 of and the Second Schedule to the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, by proviso (iii) to subsection (1) of Section 1, and sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, as amended by paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf 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 (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932.

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

Interpretation and revocation

Short title.

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

"The Pensions Act of 1929" means the Widows', Orphans" and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1929;

"The Pensions Act of 1931" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1931; "The Insurance Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as amended by any subsequent enactments;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland;

"Excepted person" means a person employed in an excepted employment in respect of which contributions are payable under the Pensions Act, and with reference to any period before the commencement of that Act includes a person employed in an excepted employment in respect of which contributions under that Act would have been payable if the Act had been in force.

(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 Regulations specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

3. For the purposes of Section 14 (2) of the Pensions Act, as amended by Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, an exempt person, being a man, who ceases to be employed within the meaning of the Insurance Act shall be deemed to continue to be insured only until the 30th day of June, or the 31st day of December, whichever next precedes the expiration of a period of two years from the end of the contribution week in which he ceased to be so employed, whether or not he may in the meantime have ceased to hold a certificate of exemption.

S. 14 (3) of Pensions Act. 4. Contributions paid under the Insurance Act before the commencement of the Pensions Act in respect of an exempt person being a man, shall be treated as if they were contributions in respect of the insurance of that person, and any period before that date during which that person was an exempt person or entitled to sanatorium benefit shall be treated as a period of insurance for the purpose of the statutory conditions applicable to widows' and orphans' pensions, and such period as aforesaid shall be treated as a period of insurance in calculating the period of continuous insurance mentioned in sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Pensions Act.

S. 15 (3) of Pensions Act and S. 9 (1) of Pensions Act of 1929. 5. For the purposes of the Pensions Act the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the continuous insurance of persons ceasing to be employed shall apply, as modified and set out in manner following, to persons who, under Section 15 of the Pensions Act, are deemed to be insured :—

S. 14 (2) of Pensions Act.

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- (1) Where a person who, under Section 15 of the Pensions Act, is deemed to be insured by reason of being an excepted person ceases to be an excepted person, he shall continue, for a period of twenty-one months commencing next after the end of the contribution week in which he ceased to be an excepted person, to be deemed to be insured.
- (2) Where contributions at the ordinary rates have been paid in respect of an excepted person, and contributions become payable at the rates specified in Part IV of the First Schedule to the Pensions Act in respect of him, he shall as from the date on which contributions at the ordinary rates cease to be paid continue to be deemed to be insured for the purposes of the Pensions Act relating to old age pensions for the period specified in the preceding paragraph.
- (3) In calculating for the purposes of this Article the said period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken of any period after the person has attained the age of 65.
- (4) In calculating for the purposes of this Article the first twelve months of the period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken—
 - (a) of any period during which the person is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice is given to the Ministry before the expiration of either (i) six weeks after the end of the incapacity, or (ii) a period of three months from the date on which he would, had it not been for such incapacity, have ceased to be deemed to be insured, or to be insured for the purposes of the Pensions Act relating to old age pensions, as the case may be, whichever period shall first expire; or
 - (b) in the case of a woman, of the period of four weeks after her confinement.

6.-(1) Where a person was at, or within the period hereinafter specified before, the commencement of the Pensions Act an excepted person then, for the purpose of the statutory conditions which must be complied with in the case of the pension or pensions for which excepted persons in the same excepted employment have at any time since the commencement of the Pensions Act been insured or, where the employment has ceased to be an

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excepted employment, the pension or pensions for which persons in the employment which has so ceased to be excepted are insured, contributions shall be deemed to have been paid in respect of him for each week of the period before the commencement of the Pensions Act during which he was continuously an excepted person, and every such week shall be deemed to be a week which has elapsed since the date of his entry into insurance.

(2) In calculating in respect of such person the period of continuous insurance mentioned in sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Pensions Act every such week as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a week which has elapsed since the date of his entry into. insurance.

(3) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions the period before the commencement of the Pensions Act shall be a period of twenty-one months:

Provided that :---

- (i) in calculating the said period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken of any period after the person had attained the age of seventy, or of any period during which he was insured under the Insurance Act, or of any period which is deemed to be a period of insurance by virtue of Article 4 of these Regulations;
- (ii) in calculating the first twelve months of the said period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken—
 - (a) of any period during which the person is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement; or
 - (b) in the case of a woman, of the period of four weeks after her confinement.

S. 19 (3) of Pensions Act. 7.—(1) For the purpose of applying to a man who was an exempt person the conditions relating to title to a widows' or orphans' pension contained in sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 19 of the Pensions Act such person shall be treated as if he had been insured during the period during which he was an exempt person, or entitled to sanatorium benefit by reason of having been an exempt person, and that section shall in its application to exempt men be modified accordingly.

(2) For the purpose of applying the said conditions to a person who was an excepted person such person shall be treated as if he had been insured during the period during which, under subsection (3) of Section 15 of the Pensions Act and Article 5 of these Regulations he was deemed to be insured or would have been so

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deemed if that section and Article (subject to the necessary modifications) had been in force at the time and Section 19 of the Pensions Act in its application to excepted persons shall be modified accordingly.

8. In the case of a man who was an exempt person or a person employed in an excepted employment, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the Pensions Act of 1929, as amended by paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Pensions Act of 1931, shall apply subject to this modification that he shall be treated as if he had been insured for the purposes of Section 20 of the Pensions Act during the period for which he was deemed by virtue of Sections 14 and 15 of the Pensions Act to be insured for any of the purposes thereof; and the condition in the said paragraph (c), as amended as aforesaid, with regard to title to an old age pension under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1924, by virtue of the said Section 20 shall apply accordingly.

S. 1 (1) (c) proviso (iii) of Pensions Act of 1929.

SCHEDULE.

The Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations Revocation. (Northern Ireland), 1925, S.R. & O. of N.I. 1925, No. 157.

The Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, S.R. & O. of N.I. 1927, No. 132.

The Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, S.R. & O. of N.I. 1929, No. 64.

The Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930, S.R. & O. of N.I. 1930, No. 56.

The Contributory Pensions (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930, S.R. & O. of N.I. 1930, No. 157.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 16th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

(L.S.)

V. H. Coleman,

Acting Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 16th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

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

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Extension of Enactments.

SEE under NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE. S.R.O. 1932. No. 88. p. 353.

Mercantile Marine.

THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS (MERCANTILE MARINE) CONSOLI-DATED ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1932, DATED 26TH OCTOBER, 1932, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSUR-ANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ACTING JOINTLY AND IN CONJUNC-TION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925, RELATING TO SEAMEN.

1932. No. 127.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 17 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, and after consultation with the Board of Trade, hereby make the following Special Order :---

1. This Order may be cited as the Contributory Pensions. (Mercantile Marine) Consolidated Order (Northern Ireland), 1932.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires-

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

"The Pensions Act of 1929" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1929;

"The Insurance Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as amended by any subsequent enactment;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for. Northern Ireland;

"Half year" means any period in respect of which contribution cards may be issued under any Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Insurance Act and for the time being in force;

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