Economy.

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

1931. No. 149.

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 provisions for increasing the contributions to be made to the Northern Irish unemployment fund and for the modification of statutory rights subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect :

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 :—

Rates of Contributions.

1. As from and after the 5th day of October, 1931, until the expiration of the extended period the contributions payable under the Acts by employed persons and their employers shall be at the respective rates set out in the First Schedule to this Order, and accordingly in paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (1) of section three of the Act of 1925 a reference to that Schedule shall be substituted for the reference to the First Schedule to the Act of 1925, and the last-mentioned Schedule and section two of the Act of 1928 (except in so far as it relates to the meaning of the expression "young men and young women"), and the First Schedule to that Act shall be repealed.

Rates of Unemployment Benefit.

2. The following provisions shall have effect as from and after the 8th day of October, 1931, with respect to the rates of benefit under the Acts :—

(*a*) Sub-section (1) of section four of the Act of 1928 shall have effect as if the Second Schedule to this Order were substituted for the Third Schedule to that Act, and the last-mentioned Schedule and sub-section (1) of section two of the Act of 1930 and the First Schedule to that Act shall be repealed ;

(*b*) In sub-section (2) of section two of the Act of 1930, (which relates to the increase in the weekly rate of benefit in respect of dependants), for the words " nine shillings," wherever those words occur, there shall be substituted the words " eight shillings."

Interpretation.

3.—(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 :

" The Act of 1925," " the Act of 1928 " and " the Act of 1930 " mean respectively the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, and the Unemployment Insurance (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1930 :

" Benefit " means unemployment benefit :

" Extended period " has the same meaning as in sub-section (1) of section three of the Act of 1925 :

" Young men " and " young women " have the same meanings as in the Act of 1928.

(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, 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 and Commencement.

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

Given at the Council Chamber, Belfast, this 2nd day of October, 1931.

Craigavon.
H. M. Pollock.
R. Dawson Bates.
J. M. Andrews.
E. M. Archdale.
T. W. Brown.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYED PERSONS AND EMPLOYERS.

Ordinary Rates.

	d.
From the Employed person for each week—	
In the case of men	10
In the case of women	9
From the employer for each week—	
In the case of employed persons being men	10
In the case of employed persons being women	9

Rates in case of young persons.

From the employed person for each week—	
In the case of young men	9
In the case of young women	8
From the employer for each week—	
In the case of employed persons being young men	9
In the case of employed persons being young women	8

Rates in case of persons under eighteen.

From the employed person for each week—	
In the case of boys	5
In the case of girls	4½
From the employer for each week—	
In the case of employed persons being boys	5
In the case of employed persons being girls	4½

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Weekly Rates of Unemployment Benefit.

Class of Persons to whom rate applies.	Rate of benefit. s. d.
1. Persons of the age of 21 years and upwards—	
Men	15 3
Women	13 6
2. Persons who have attained the age of 18 years, but are under the age of 21 years—	
Young men	12 6
Young women	10 9
3. Persons who have attained the age of 17 years, but are under the age of 18 years—	
Boys	8 0
Girls	6 9
4. Persons who are under the age of 17 years—	
Boys	5 6
Girls	4 6

NOTE.—If the total amount payable to any person includes a fraction of a penny, that fraction shall be treated as a complete penny.