1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Approved Societies' Investments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

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

2. As from the 23rd December, 1946, an approved society or the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance acting on behalf of an approved society shall not invest any further sums (including sums realised from investments) in any investments other than securities which are for the time being authorised by the Parliament of the United Kingdom as investments for savings banks funds, and subsections (1) and (3) of section 143 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (which section relates to the investment of funds by approved societies) shall have effect accordingly :

Provided that this regulation shall not preclude the investment of any sum on or after the said 23rd December in any other security authorised by the said section if negotiations for such investment were entered into before that date.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December, 1946.

(L.S.) *H. Anderson,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December, 1946.

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Contributory Pensions, Increase

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1946 No. 176

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers

conferred by section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance ;

" the Contributory Pensions Acts " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 " means the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Modification Regulations " means the Contributory Pensions (Modification of Old Age Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended ;

" the Consequential Amendments Regulations " means the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942 ;

" pension " does not include an additional allowance payable under the provisions of the Contributory Pensions Acts.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Increase in rates of pension contributions.

2.—(1) For the purpose of making provision towards the cost of the increase in rates of pensions provided by these regulations, the rates of contributions specified in the First Schedule to the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, as amended, shall, as from the 30th September, 1946, be increased by substituting the First Schedule to these regulations for that schedule.

(2) For the purpose aforesaid, the provisions of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 relating to rates of contributions payable by special voluntary contributors shall, as from the 30th September, 1946, be modified by substituting the following provisions and the Second Schedule to these regulations for subsections (2) and (3) of section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the said Act :—

"(2) The contributions so payable by special voluntary contributors (other than contributors insured for the purpose of widows' pensions and orphans' pensions only) shall be—

(*a*) in the case of initial entrants, at the rate of three shillings and one penny a week in the case of a man, and sixpence a week in the case of a woman ;

(*b*) in the case of all other special voluntary contributors of that class, at the rate of three shillings and one penny a week in the case of a man, and, in the case of women, at the rates specified in the Second Schedule to this Act, being rates calculated by reference to age at the date of entry into insurance.

(3) The contributions so payable by special voluntary contributors who are insured for the purpose of widows' pensions and orphans' pensions only shall be—

(*a*) in the case of initial entrants, at the rate of one shilling and fivepence a week ; and

(*b*) in the case of all other special voluntary contributors of that class, at the rate of one shilling and eightpence a week."

Increase in standard rate of old age pension where pension is in respect of pensioner's own insurance.

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a person is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, in respect of his or her own insurance, to an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or the Modification Regulations at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to twenty-six shillings, if and when :

(*a*) in the case of a man, he has either retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or attained the age of seventy ; and

(*b*) in the case of a woman, she has either so retired from regular employment or attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in standard rate of old age pension for a woman where pension is in respect of husband's insurance.

4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a woman (not being a woman to whom regulation 3 applies) is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, in respect of the insurance of her husband, to an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or the Modification Regulations at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to sixteen shillings, if and when :

(*a*) her husband has retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or has attained the age of seventy; and

(*b*) she has herself so retired from regular employment or has attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in standard rate of widows' pensions.

5. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a woman is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, to a widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to twenty-six shillings, if and when :

(*a*) she has attained the age of sixty ; and

(*b*) she has either retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or has attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in rates of old age and widows' pensions payable at less than the standard rate.

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a person is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, to an old age pension or widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder, at a rate which is less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week, the rate of that pension shall be increased to the appropriate rate referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation, if and when he or she satisfies such of the conditions set out in regulations 3, 4 or 5 as he or she would, if the pension had been at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, have been required to satisfy to enable that pension to be increased to twenty-six shillings a week or sixteen shillings a week as the case may be.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this regulation, where a person who satisfies the conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation which are appropriate in his or her case is, or becomes, entitled to a pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder (other than under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939, which subsection provides for modified old age pensions where certain dependants war pensions are payable), that is to say, to a pension at one of the rates specified in the first column of the Third Schedule, that rate shall be increased to the rate, appropriate to the circumstances of the case, specified in the second or third column of that schedule.

(3) (*a*) Where a person who satisfies the conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation which are appropriate in his or her case is, or becomes, entitled to an old age pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under either paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of the said subsection (3), the rate of that pension shall be increased to—

(i) the increased rate which, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this regulation, is, or would be, payable under the second or third column of the Third Schedule, if the said old age

pension either is payable under paragraph (*a*), or (where payable under paragraph (*b*)) were treated as being payable under the said paragraph (*a*) at the appropriate rate determined in accordance with the provisions thereof and not the provisions of the said paragraph (*b*) ; or

(ii) the increased rate which would have been payable in accordance with regulation 3, 4 or paragraph (2) of this regulation if the dependants war pension had not been payable, *less* the amount of the dependants war pension ;

whichever is the greater.

(*b*) For the purposes of this paragraph the expression " dependants war pension " shall have the same meaning as in the said subsection (3).

Special provisions relating to increases and pensions where dependants war pensions are payable.

7.—(1) (*a*) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 (which provide that certain pensions shall not be payable if a dependants war pension is payable) apply to a widow's pension, and the widow satisfies the relevant conditions of regulation 5 or 6, as the case may be, she shall be entitled to an increase on the basis of that pension if the amount of—

(i) the dependants war pension ; and

(ii) any sum which is payable to the dependants war pension authority under paragraph (*b*) of the said subsection ;

is less than the amount of—

(i) the increased rate which would have been payable in accordance with regulation 5 or 6, as the case may be, if the dependants war pension had not been payable ; and

(ii) any additional allowances which, but for the provisions of the said subsection (2), would have been payable under the Contributory Pensions Acts ;

and the increase per week shall be the difference between the last mentioned and the first mentioned amount.

(*b*) For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression " dependants war pension " shall have the same meaning as in the said subsection (2).

(2) The provisions of the said subsection (2) shall not apply to any increase as determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph, but the other provisions of the Contributory Pensions Acts and the regulations and orders made thereunder shall apply to the increase as if it were a widow's pension.

(3) Where a person is entitled to an old age pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939, and, in addition, has been

awarded a further pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts, that person shall, if the appropriate conditions of these regulations are satisfied, be entitled to an increase in respect of each pension, so, however, that the total amount payable out of the Pensions Accounts (as specified in Part III of the Eighth Schedule to the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946) in respect of the two pensions (including any such increases) shall not exceed twenty-six shillings a week.

Accrual of increases in rates of pensions, and revision of existing awards.

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation and of subsection (3) of section 29 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 (which provides for the accrual of pensions to begin from the next appropriate day in the week prescribed for the payment of pensions of any particular class), any increase in respect of a pension shall begin to accrue, without a claim having been made therefor, as from the date upon which a person becomes entitled thereto by reason of these regulations:

Provided that an increase shall not begin to accrue before the date upon which the pension itself accrues, or would have accrued but for the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939.

(2) If the rate of a pension is increased by reason of these regulations, the award relating to that pension shall be deemed to have effect, as from the date of the increase, as if it were an award at the increased rate.

Provisions relating to retirement.

9. For the purposes of these regulations—

(1) a person may, subject to the next following paragraph, be treated as having retired from regular employment after that person, being a man, has attained the age of sixty-five, or, being a woman, has attained the age of sixty—

(*a*) whether or not he has previously been engaged in a gainful occupation;

(*b*) notwithstanding that he is engaged or intends to engage in a gainful occupation, if he is engaged or intends to engage therein only occasionally or to an inconsiderable extent or otherwise in circumstances not inconsistent with retirement;

(2) a person shall not be treated as having retired from regular employment unless he has given (not more than four months before the date of retirement) notice to the Ministry in writing of his retirement, but if on the date of the notice (or where the notice specifies a later date as the date of retirement, on the date so specified) he has so retired, he shall be deemed so to retire on that date:

Provided that—

(*a*) if a person has made a claim for a pension on or before the 31st January, 1947, and a pension apart from any increase

accrues or has accrued (or would have accrued but for the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939) by reason of such claim on or before the 31st December, 1946, and the Ministry (or, on appeal, the court of referees or the umpire, as the case may be) is satisfied that that person could be treated under paragraph (1) of this regulation as having retired from regular employment on some date before the 31st December, 1946, he shall be deemed to have retired on the 30th September, 1946, or on the said date before the 31st December, 1946, if that date is later ;

(*b*) if a widow (not being a person to whom paragraph (*a*) of this proviso applies) is entitled on the date of the death of her husband to a widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder, and, but for the provisions of this regulation relating to notice, could be treated thereunder as having retired from regular employment on the said date, she shall, if she gives notice to the Ministry in writing of her retirement not later than three months after that date, be deemed to have retired on that date, or on the 30th September, 1946, whichever is the later ;

(3) any notice of retirement which is sent by post shall be deemed to have been given on the day on which it was or may reasonably be presumed to have been posted.

Reduction in rates of pensions on account of earnings.

10.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in regulations 3 to 7, but subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, where the earnings—

(*a*) of a man who is entitled to an increase in the rate of his pension under these regulations, and who has not attained the age of seventy ; or

(*b*) of a woman who is so entitled, or is entitled to an increase under paragraph (1) of regulation 7, and who has not attained the age of sixty-five ;

have exceeded twenty shillings for the week preceding any week for which he or she is so entitled, the amount of the pension for the last mentioned week shall be reduced by one shilling for each complete shilling of the excess :

Provided that this paragraph—

(i) shall only apply to increases provided by these regulations ; and

(ii) shall not affect the amount of the pension for the first week after the date of the pensioner's retirement where that retirement occurs at any time after the 23rd September, 1946.

(2) In determining what constitutes earnings for the purposes of paragraph (1) of this regulation, the following provisions shall apply :—

(*a*) Earnings shall be calculated on a weekly basis, and for that purpose the word " week " shall mean the period of seven days preceding the prescribed day of the week on which the pension in question is payable or, in the case of an increase under regulation 7, on which a widow's pension is payable ;

(*b*) The earnings to be taken into account shall be limited to the net remuneration or profit derived by the pensioner from any gainful occupation, and, in particular, in so far as the earnings consist of salary or wages, no account shall be taken of—

(i) any sums the deduction of which is authorised by statute ;

(ii) the reasonable expenses, if any, incurred by the pensioner in connection with the employment ;

(*c*) Where, in the opinion of the Ministry (or, on appeal, in the opinion of the court of referees or the umpire, as the case may be) a person's earnings for any week are, by reason of the circumstances of the occupation in which he is engaged, not immediately ascertainable, the earnings for that week shall be calculated in such manner and on such basis as may be considered appropriate by the Ministry (or, on appeal, by the court of referees or the umpire, as the case may be).

Determination of questions relating to retirement and earnings.

11.—(1) (*a*) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (7) of this regulation, if a question arises under these regulations whether a person can be treated as having retired from regular employment, or as to the amount of a person's earnings, that question shall in the first instance be decided by the Ministry, but if any person is dissatisfied by the decision of the Ministry in respect of that question, the question shall, on application being made to the Ministry in writing within twenty-one days from the date of the decision (or within such further time as the Ministry may in any particular case for special reasons allow) stating the grounds for dissatisfaction, be referred by it to a court of referees constituted under section 42 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936.

(*b*) Any such question shall not be referred to an umpire under subsection (2) of section 30 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, as amended, but any other question relating to an increase under these regulations shall be subject to the provisions of that section.

(2) Where a question has been referred to a court of referees in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, the provisions of section 45 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 (which relates to an appeal to the umpire from a court of referees) shall apply, subject to the substitution of a reference to the Ministry for the reference to an insurance officer in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) thereof.

(3) The decision of the court of referees, or, where there is an appeal to the umpire, of the umpire, on any such question shall be final.

(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall be construed as preventing the Ministry, a court of referees or the umpire, on new facts being brought to its, their or his knowledge, from revising a decision on any such question given in any particular case.

(5) Where a court of referees determine any such question in favour of the claimant, that determination shall not be acted upon if an appeal therefrom to the umpire has been brought within twenty-one days from the date on which the decision of the court was given.

(6) The Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937, shall apply to any such question as if the application were an appeal to a court of referees from a disallowance of benefit, subject, for the purpose of any such application, to the following modifications, that is to say, that regulation 6 shall not apply and in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 7 the words " an insurance officer " shall not apply.

(7) The foregoing provisions of this regulation shall not apply in the case of a pension payable outside Northern Ireland, and if any such question arises in connection with a pension so payable, that question shall, after such enquiry and consultation as the Ministry may deem necessary, be determined by the Ministry, whose decision shall be final, subject to the power to revise the decision on new facts being brought to its knowledge.

(8) Where the Ministry in consequence of a revision made in accordance with this regulation revises its award or decision under section 31 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, the revised award or decision shall take effect as from the date on which the original award or decision in relation to any such question took effect.

Provision as to supplementary pension paid to or in respect of a person entitled to increase under these regulations.

12. The powers which, under section 12 of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, are exercised by the Ministry and the Assistance Board for Northern Ireland in relation to the recovery of overpayments of a supplementary pension paid to any person, shall, in relation to increases in respect of pensions provided by these regulations, be exercised by the Ministry and the said Board under this regulation in the same manner as the powers are exercisable under the said section, and the powers under this regulation shall apply not only where the increase subsequently accrues to some other person, but also where it accrues to the person to whom the supplementary pension has been paid.

Special provisions relating to certificates of exception under s. 12 (1) of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936.

13.—(1) Subject to the proviso to this paragraph, as from the 30th September, 1946, no certificate shall be granted under the proviso to paragraph (*d*) or to paragraph (*e*) of subsection (1) of section 12 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 (which relate to the granting of certificates by virtue of which contributions at the ordinary rates would not be payable under that Act) :

Provided that a certificate may be granted after that date in substitution for a certificate or certificates effective before that date but not otherwise, and in granting any such certificate no account shall be taken by the Ministry of any increase in respect of pensions provided by these regulations.

(2) Subject to the proviso to paragraph (1) of this regulation, where a certificate has been granted before the 30th September, 1946, under either of the provisions mentioned in that paragraph, and the terms of the employment to which it relates comply with the requirements of the provision under which the certificate is in force, apart from increases in respect of pensions provided by these regulations, the certificate shall continue in force.

Modification of conditions relating to old age pensions.

14.—(1) If a person is not insured for the purposes of old age pensions under the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 immediately before the 30th September, 1946, but becomes so insured on that date or thereafter, section 9 of that Act (which specifies the statutory conditions as to old age pensions) and the proviso to paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 22 of that Act (which relates to pensions payable to or in respect of persons in His Majesty's dominions outside Northern Ireland) shall apply in his case as if for each reference therein to " five years " there were substituted a reference to " ten years ".

(2) The age at which an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts may become payable to a woman as the wife of a man who has attained the age of sixty-five in respect of his insurance as a special voluntary contributor (other than as a lapsed contributor as specified in paragraph (2) of regulation 15) shall, as from the 30th September, 1946, be reduced to sixty.

Pensions excluded from increase under these regulations.

15. The following pensions shall be excluded from those provisions of these regulations which relate to increases in respect of pensions :—

(1) Any pension payable in respect of the insurance of a woman as a special voluntary contributor, as defined in subsection (5) of section 1 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 ;

(2) Any pension payable to or in respect of a person as a lapsed contributor, to whom the definition contained in paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 applies ;

(3) Any pension payable to or on behalf of a person who is, on the 29th September, 1946, resident outside Northern Ireland, and is then entitled to the pension, unless and until that person becomes resident in Northern Ireland.

Increases in rates of pensions under other regulations.

16. A person who is entitled to an increase in respect of a pension by reason of any regulations made under section 71 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, shall not be entitled under these regulations to an increase in respect of that pension.

Modification of Contributory Pensions Acts and regulations, etc.

17.—(1) The provisions of the Contributory Pensions Acts and the regulations and orders made thereunder shall have full force and effect subject to the modifications which are contained in the foregoing provisions of these regulations or referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(2)—(*a*) The National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Mercantile Marine) (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1938, shall have effect as if in regulation 7, as amended by the Consequential Amendments Regulations, at the end of paragraph (1A), there were inserted the following proviso :—

"Provided that this paragraph, in so far as it relates to the specification of the appropriate rates, shall not apply in respect of the period from the 30th September, 1946, to the 6th July, 1947."

(*b*) Unless the context otherwise requires, references to any of the Contributory Pensions Acts in regulations or orders made under any enactment referred to in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, shall be construed as referring to any such Act as modified by these regulations.

(3) Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as entitling a person to any increase in respect of a pension for any period before the 30th September, 1946, or as reducing the amount of a pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder to which a person is entitled apart from these regulations.

Modification of Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, in relation to increase of benefit in respect of adult dependants.

18.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation, where a person is in receipt of —

(*a*) an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or the Old Age Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 ; or

(*b*) a widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts ; or

(*c*) a dependants war pension as defined in subsection (6) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 ;

the following provisions shall apply as from the 30th September, 1946 :—

(i) An increase of benefit in respect of such a person shall not be payable under section 39 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, as amended (which relates to increase of benefit in respect of adult dependants), if the rate of the pension (including any increase provided by these regulations or by regulations made under section 71 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946) is twenty-six shillings or more a week ;

(ii) Where a person is in receipt of such a pension (including any increase provided as aforesaid) at a rate which is less than twenty-six shillings a week, both the pension and the increase of benefit shall be payable, unless the pension, together with the increase of benefit, exceeds twenty-six shillings, in which case the amount in excess of twenty-six shillings (ignoring fractions of a shilling) shall be deducted from the increase of benefit.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation—

(*a*) if a person is in receipt of more than one pension of the classes specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation, the amounts of any such pensions shall be aggregated, and the pensions treated as one pension;

(*b*) a dependants war pension shall not include any allowance payable in respect of a child.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to an increase of benefit payable under sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (*c*) or paragraph (*d*) of subsection (1) of the said section 39, or to an increase of benefit payable in respect of a continuous period of unemployment current on the 30th September, 1946, in a case in which no increase in respect of a pension is provided as aforesaid.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September, 1946, in the presence of

(L.S.)

H. Anderson,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September, 1946, in the presence of

(L.S.)

John I. Cook,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

FIRST SCHEDULE

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

PART I.

ORDINARY RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Rate of contribution per week.	Payable in case of employed persons	
		by the employer.	by the employed person.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Contributions in case of men between the ages of 18 and 65	3 1	1 6½	1 6½
Contributions in case of women between the ages of 18 and 60	2 5½	1 2½	1 3
Contributions in case of boys under the age of 18	2 1	1 0½	1 0½
Contributions in case of girls under the age of 18	1 5½	0 8½	0 9

PART II.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF PERSONS EMPLOYED WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INSURANCE ACT, WHO, BEING MEN, HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE, OR, BEING WOMEN, HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SIXTY.

	s. d.	s. d.	
Contributions in case of men ...	2 0	2 0	—
Contributions in case of women ...	1 8	1 8	—

PART III.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF EXEMPT PERSONS.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Contributions in case of men ...	2 0	1 6½	0 5½
Contributions in case of women ...	1 2½	1 2½	—

PART IV.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF MALES EMPLOYED IN CERTAIN EXCEPTED EMPLOYMENTS WHO ARE INSURED FOR ALL PENSIONS EXCEPT OLD AGE PENSIONS.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Contributions in case of men between the ages of 18 and 65	1 1	0 6½	0 6½
Contributions in case of boys under the age of 18	0 9	0 4½	0 4½

SECOND SCHEDULE

RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY SPECIAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTORS (WOMEN ONLY) OTHER THAN INITIAL ENTRANTS.

Age next birthday at date of entry not exceeding	*Weekly rate of contribution.*
25	6d.
30	7d.
35	8d.
37	9d.
38	10d.
40	11d.

THIRD SCHEDULE

TABLE SHOWING—

(1) in the first column, the existing rates of old age pensions and widows' pensions payable at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under the Contributory Pensions Acts or regulations made thereunder *other than* under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 (which provides for modified old age pensions where certain dependants war pensions are payable); and

(2) in the second and third columns, the corresponding increased rates.

Existing rates of old age and widows' pensions.	Corresponding increased rates	
	of old age pensions where pension is in respect of pensioner's own insurance, and of widows' pensions.	of old age pensions where pension is in respect of insurance of pensioner's husband.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
9 0	23 0	14 0
8 3	21 0	12 6
8 0	20 0	12 0
7 3	18 6	11 0
7 0	18 0	11 0
6 6	16 6	10 0
6 0	15 0	9 0
5 9	14 6	9 0
5 6	14 0	8 6
5 0	13 0	8 0
4 6	11 6	7 0
4 3	11 0	6 6
4 0	10 0	6 0
3 9	9 6	6 0
3 6	9 0	5 6
3 3	8 6	5 0
3 0	8 0	5 0
2 9	7 0	4 6
2 6	6 6	4 0
2 3	6 0	3 6
2 0	5 0	3 0
1 9	4 6	3 0
1 6	4 0	2 6
1 3	3 6	2 0
1 0	3 0	2 0
0 9	2 0	1 6
0 6	1 6	1 0

Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 71 OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1946. No. 150

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 71 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—