

SCHEDULE.

1. The sum to be deducted from the amount standing to the credit of a deposit contributor shall be such sum as, together with the sum deducted under the National Health Insurance (Sanatorium Benefit, etc.) Order, 1912, would be equal to 1d. for every four contributions paid by or in respect of the contributor in respect of the period ending the 13th day of October, 1912, and in respect of the period ending the 12th day of January, 1913, or in the case of an alien equal to 1d. for every three contributions so paid.

2. The sum to be deducted from the amount standing to the credit of an Approved Society shall be such sum as, with any sums already deducted under the National Health Insurance (Sanatorium Benefit, etc.) Order, 1912, would represent a payment of 3½d. for each member of the Society who surrendered a stamped card to the Society in respect of the period ending the 13th day of October, 1912, and of 3½d. for each member of the Society who surrendered a stamped card to the Society in respect of the period ending the 12th day of January, 1913:

Provided that in the case of any member of the Society in whose case the cost of benefits is payable as to 2/9ths or 1/4th out of moneys provided by Parliament, the sum to be deducted as aforesaid shall be reduced by 2/9ths or 1/4th, as the case may be.

NATIONAL INSURANCE.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

The National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Medical and Sanatorium Benefit) Order, 1913, made by the Insurance Commissioners under section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (1 & 2 Geo. V, c. 55), dated 31st March, 1913.

Whereas by section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (in this Order called "the Act") it is amongst other things provided that if any difficulty arises with respect to bringing into operation Part I of the Act the Insurance Commissioners, with the consent of the Treasury, may by Order do anything which appears to them necessary or expedient for bringing that Part of the Act into operation, and that any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act so far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect:

And whereas by virtue of section 42 (e) of the Act if the amount standing to the credit of a deposit contributor at the beginning of the year is insufficient to provide the sums payable in respect of him for the purposes of medical benefit and sanatorium benefit and towards the expenses of administration, that contributor is not, unless the Insurance Committee consents, and except subject to such conditions as that Committee may impose, entitled to any benefits during that year:

And whereas by the National Health Insurance (Sanatorium Benefit, etc.) Order, 1912, and the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Administration Expenses) Order, 1912, it is provided that as respects the year 1913, the commencement of the year is for the purposes of paragraph (c)

of section 42 of the Act to be taken to be the 13th day of January:

And whereas it was not possible at the beginning of the present year to ascertain whether the amount standing to the credit of a deposit contributor in the Post Office Fund was sufficient to provide the sums aforesaid:

And whereas contributions payable in respect of employed persons were in many cases unpaid at the beginning of the year, but such contributions have been paid subsequently or will hereafter be paid:

And whereas by reason of the premises deposit contributors will, unless this Order is made, as respects the year 1913, be deprived of benefits to which they might otherwise be entitled, and accordingly a difficulty has arisen within the meaning of the said section 78:

Now, therefore, the Insurance Commissioners, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Act and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in section 42 (e) of the Act—

(a) a deposit contributor in respect of whom contributions were paid not later than the 13th day of October, 1912, shall be and shall be deemed always to have been entitled to receive medical benefit during the period from the 15th day of January to the 30th day of April, 1913, both inclusive, and to receive sanatorium benefit during the period from the 13th day of January to the 30th day of April, 1913, both inclusive; and

(b) a deposit contributor in respect of whom contributions were not paid on or before the 13th day of October, 1912, but were paid on any date after the 13th day of October, 1912, and not later than the 12th day of January, 1913, shall be entitled to receive medical benefit and sanatorium benefit during the period from the 1st day of May to the 14th day of July, 1913, both inclusive;

and there shall be deducted from the amount standing to the credit of the deposit contributor in the Post Office Fund a sum equal to the proper proportion for the periods or period during which he is by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this Order entitled to benefit of the sums properly payable under the Act in respect of him for the purposes of medical benefit and sanatorium benefit and towards the expenses of administration for the year 1913, after deducting from those sums such part thereof as is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament:

Provided that if it appears at any time that the amount so standing to the credit of a deposit contributor, in the case of such a contributor as is mentioned in paragraph (a), on the 13th day of January, 1913, and in the case of such a contributor as is mentioned in paragraph (b) on the 1st day of May, 1913, was not sufficient to provide the sum hereinbefore directed to be deducted from that amount, the Insurance Commissioners may, if they think fit, deduct from any contributions paid by or in respect of him in respect of the period from the 13th day of January to the 30th day of April, 1913, both inclusive, or in respect of the period from the 1st day of May to the 14th day of July, both inclusive, such sum as together with any sum so standing to his credit