

powers conferred on them by the principal Act and the amending Act, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:

1. This Order shall have effect until the 12th day of January, 1914.

2. Notwithstanding anything in section 10 of the principal Act, the benefits of an employed contributor being a member of an Approved Society shall not, so long as this Order is operative, be reduced, postponed or suspended on account of arrears.

3. Where at any time before the 13th day of October, 1913, the benefits of a voluntary contributor being a member of an Approved Society have been reduced, postponed or suspended on account of arrears, they shall be deemed to have been reduced, postponed or suspended in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act, if, subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 10 of the principal Act, such reduction, postponement or suspension was based upon the total number of weekly contributions in respect of which he was actually in arrear at the expiration of the quarter immediately preceding the date at which the reduction, postponement or suspension took effect, any arrears in the case of a person entering insurance after the expiration of the first week of a quarter which accrued during that quarter being disregarded.

4. On and after the 13th day of October, 1913, the right of a voluntary contributor being a member of an Approved Society to medical benefit and sanatorium benefit shall be suspended if, having entered into insurance during the week expiring on the 21st day of July, 1912, he is in arrear on the 13th day of October, 1913, in respect of more than thirty-two weekly contributions, or if, having entered into insurance after the 21st day of July, 1912, he is in arrear on the 13th day of October, 1913, in respect of more than twenty-six weekly contributions, subject in both cases to the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 10 of the principal Act.

5.—(1) On and after the 13th day of October, 1913, where a voluntary contributor being a member of an Approved Society is in arrears, the sum of those arrears calculated as hereinafter provided shall be set off against any sickness benefit which may from time to time become payable to him, and his sickness benefit shall be withheld or reduced accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of the last preceding paragraph the sum of the arrears of a voluntary contributor shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 10 of the principal Act, be ascertained as on each date on which any sickness benefit would be payable in accordance with the following provisions:—

(a) No account shall be taken of any arrears in the case of a voluntary contributor entering into insurance before the 14th day of October, 1912, except in so far as they exceed the amount of three whole weekly contributions or in the case of a voluntary contributor entering into insurance on or after that date except in so far as they exceed the amount of two whole weekly contributions.

(b) Where before the 13th day of October, 1913, any sickness benefit to which he would otherwise have been entitled has been re-

duced, postponed or suspended on account of arrears, the sum of his arrears calculated as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been reduced by a sum equal to the amount of sickness benefit to which, but for such reduction, postponement or suspension, he would have been entitled.

6. This Order may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Order, 1913.

Given under the Seal of Office of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 11th day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

R. W., Harris,

Clerk to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

We consent to this Order,

Wedgwood Benn,
William Jones,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

(1 & 2 Geo. V, ch. 55.)

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, and the Insurance Commissioners, the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, the Irish Insurance Commissioners, and the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, constituted under the National Insurance Act, 1911, acting jointly, hereby give notice that, pursuant to the provisions of the National Health Insurance (Special Orders Acceleration) Order (No. 2), 1912, they have made a Provisional Special Order in the terms of the draft Special Order under Part II (i) of the First Schedule to the said Act (of which notice has already been published), specifying the following class of employment, viz.: Employment as a sub-postmaster remunerated by scale payment, as being of such a nature that it is ordinarily adopted as subsidiary employment only and not as the principal means of livelihood:

And the said Joint Committee hereby give further notice, that pursuant to the provisions of the said National Health Insurance (Special Orders Acceleration) Order (No. 2), 1912, they have, with the approval of the Treasury, made a Provisional Special Order in the terms of the draft Special Order under sub-section (2) of section 1 of the said Act (of which notice has already been published) for including amongst the persons employed within the meaning of Part I of the said Act any person engaged in the class of employment aforesaid if the person so engaged is mainly dependent for his livelihood on the earnings derived by him from employment as a sub-postmaster and renders on the average not less than 18 hours personal service in each week in that capacity.

These combined Provisional Special Orders came into operation on 10th October, 1913, and copies of them can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; or Clerk-in-Charge, Publications Department, H.M. Stationery Office, 23, Fother Street, Edinburgh; or Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1913.