

should be treated as being in arrear to the amount of the deficiency, and under Section 8 of the National Insurance Act, 1913, it is provided that insured persons in arrear are liable to such deduction, postponement, or suspension of benefits as shall be approximately equivalent to the loss by the failure to pay the contributions in arrear; and it is not practicable to recover such deficiencies as aforesaid otherwise than by way of permanent reduction of benefits, or to express in exact terms of such reduction the amount of the deficiency; and by reason of the premises a difficulty has arisen with regard to deposit contributors who become members of Societies, and in connection with the necessary transfer and adjustments in respect of such persons:

Now, therefore, the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by Section 78 read with Section 82 of the Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Wales) (Deposit Contributors, Adjustment of Accounts) Order, 1914.

2. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount standing in the Deposit Contributors Fund to the credit of a deposit contributor who becomes a member of an Approved Society, there shall first be credited to him so much of any sum which has been credited to an Insurance Committee in respect of him for the expenses of medical and sanatorium benefit, and towards the expenses of administration, as the Welsh Insurance Commissioners may think fit, having regard to the date on which he becomes a member of the Society (hereinafter called "the date of transfer"), and such consequential adjustments shall be made as are appropriate to the case.

3.—(1) In the case of a deposit contributor who becomes a member of an Approved Society on or after the 1st day of January, 1915, the balance standing to his credit as at the beginning of the half-year in which he becomes a member of the Society, shall be credited to a Suspense Account to be opened by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners in the Deposit Contributors Fund.

(2) Any contributions paid by or in respect of a deposit contributor for the period from the beginning of the half-year in which he becomes a member of an Approved Society to the date of transfer, shall be credited to the Society, and dealt with as if the contributor had been a member of the Society from the beginning of that half-year.

(3) If the amount standing to the credit of a deposit contributor as at the beginning of the half-year in which he becomes a member of an Approved Society, together with such an amount as the Welsh Insurance Commissioners may determine to represent the average amount of contributions payable during a period equal to the period from the beginning of the half-year to the date of transfer (hereinafter called the "transfer adjustment"), is equal to or more than the value of the contributions paid by or in respect of him as at the date of transfer, there shall be transferred from the Suspense Account to the Society a sum equal to the value aforesaid after deducting the transfer adjustment, or if the transfer adjustment exceeds the value aforesaid, the excess shall be deducted from the contributions for the half-

year credited to the Society and shall be transferred to the Suspense Account.

(4) If the amount standing to his credit as at the date aforesaid, together with the transfer adjustment, is less than the value of his contributions at the date of transfer, there shall be transferred from the Suspense Account to the Society—

(i) if the deficiency is less than 10s., a sum equal to the value of his contributions after deduction of the transfer adjustment;

(ii) if the deficiency is equal to 10s., or an exact multiple of 10s., a sum equal to the amount standing to his credit; and

(iii) if the deficiency is more than 10s., but is not an exact multiple of 10s., a sum equal to the amount standing to his credit, together with a sum equal to the excess over 10s., or the highest integral multiple of 10s., contained in such deficiency, as the case may be.

(5) The amount to which the deposit contributor shall be treated as being in arrear shall be the amount by which the value of his contributions as at the date of transfer, after deduction of the transfer adjustment, exceeds the sum transferred to the Society as aforesaid.

(6) Where a payment has been made to a deposit contributor in respect of any benefits accruing during the half-year in which he becomes a member of an Approved Society, and before he becomes a member of the Society, or where a deposit contributor enters into insurance after the beginning of the half-year in which he becomes a member of an Approved Society, the date up to which benefit has been paid, or the date on which he enters into insurance, as the case may be, shall, for the purposes of this Article, be treated as the beginning of the half-year.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Welsh Insurance Commissioners on the 31st day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(L. S.)

Percy E. Watkins,

A person authorised by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners to act on behalf of their Secretary.

We consent to this Order.

*D. Lloyd George,
John W. Gulland,*

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

(D. I. P. 164.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 15TH JANUARY 1915.)

(WART DISEASE OF POTATOES
INFECTED AREA.)

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in