RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS PAID IN ERROR.

(4) Where any contributions have been paid in respect of any person under the erroneous belief that the contributions were payable in respect of that person under the general pro-visions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, that person and his employer or either of them may make application to the Minister for the return of the contributions so paid by them respectively; and the Minister, if he is satisfied that the contributions paid were in fact so paid as aforesaid, and that they were not payable under the general provisions of the said Act, shall repay to the applicants or either of them a sum equal to the amount of the contributions so paid by them respectively. Provided that in calculating the amount of any repayment to be made to a person under this Regulation there shall be deducted the amount (if any) paid to that person by way of unemployment benefit in respect of or by reason of those contributions.

(5) An' application under Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be made in such form as the Minister may direct, and such application shall be made within one year from the date on which the last contribution so paid as aforesaid was in fact paid.

(6) These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of (Contributions) Regulations, 1920, and shall come into operation on the eighth day of November, 1920.

Signed by order of the Minister of Labour this fourth day of November, 1920

> J. E. Masterton Smith, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour.

*These Regulations, although statutory, are provisional only. Permanent Regulations will be made later.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TRANSITIONAL) REGULATIONS, 1920.

The Minister of Labour, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, and all other powers in this behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Transitional) Regulations, 1920, and shall come into operation on the 8th day of November, 1920.
 - (2) The expression "the Act" means the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920. The expression "day" means any period of twenty-four hours, but does not include any part of a day being Sunday.

2. These Regulations shall apply only to perscns who are insured or are required to be insured under the Act and who were also insured or required to be insured under the provisions of the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1919, and any reference in these Regulations to a person insured or required to be insured under the Act, shall be deemed to include, where necessary, a person insured or required to be insured under

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the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1919.

Contributions.

3. Where a period of employment commences before the 8th November, 1920, and continues on or after that date and contributions are payable under the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1919, in respect of that part of the period before the 8th November, 1920, and under the Act in respect of that part of the period on or after the 8th November, 1920, a contribution shall be paid in respect of the former part of the period in the manner and at the time and rate prescribed in the Regulations made under the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1919, and shall be deemed to be a contribution properly paid under the said Acts, and a contribution shall be paid in respect of the latter part of the period in the manner and at the time and rate prescribed by the Regulations under the Act.

4. For the purposes of Section 46 (1) of the Act a fraction of a contribution in the total number of contributions paid in respect of any person under the National Insurance (Unemployment) Acts, 1911 to 1919, may be disregarded.

Benefit.

5. Two periods of unemployment of not less than two days each, separated by a period of not more than two days, during which the insured contributor has not been employed for more than twenty-four hours shall be treated as a continuous period of unemployment, notwithstanding that some or all of the days are days prior to the commencement of the Act.

6. Where a continuous period of unemployment commences prior to the 8th November, 1920, and extends to or after that date, unemployment benefit shall be payable after the first six days counting from the commencement of the period or after the first three days counting from the 8th November, 1920, whichever is the earlier.

7. Where a period of unemployment of not less than six days of which some or all are before the 8th November, 1920, is followed within six weeks by a period of unemployment either

(a) commencing on or after the 8th November, 1920, and consisting of three days; or

(b) commencing before the 8th November, 1920, and containing at least three days not before that date; or

(c) consisting of not less than six days of which at least one was on or after that date,

then those two periods shall be treated as if they were a continuous period of unemployment, and the expression "continuously unemployed" shall be construed accordingly wherever it occurs in the Act or in any regulations made thereunder.

Signed by Order of the Minister of Labour this 4th day of November, 1920.

> J. E. Masterton Smith, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour.