5. For the purpose of the provisions under Rule 4 of these Rules any time spent by the arbitrator in viewing any works, premises, building or land which is the subject matter of the question referred to him shall be treated as part of the hearing. A day shall be taken to be a working period of five hours.

6. The fees under the foregoing provisions shall be paid by means of stamps impressed on the reference for hearing, certificate and arbitrator's award or order respectively.*

7. The fees prescribed in Rule 4 of these Rules shall be in addition to the Stamp Duty charged on Awards by the Stamp Act, 1891.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 29th day of November, 1944, in the presence of

(L.S.) *H. Ashton,*
Assistant Secretary.

* All references for hearing transmitted through the post must be in the prescribed form. References for hearing transmitted for stamping through the post must be registered and must be accompanied by a Money Order or guaranteed cheque drawn to the order of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland for the amount of the fee payable.

References for hearing should be sent, with the necessary remittance, to the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Stormont, who will arrange for the documents to be stamped.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS

Exempt and Excepted Persons.

REGULATIONS, DATED MARCH 31, 1944, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 TO 1941.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance hereby make the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations, which may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1944, shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations "),

(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. In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations, the following definitions shall be respectively substituted for the corresponding definitions contained therein :—

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

' the Insurance Act ' means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment."

3. Subject to the provisions of regulation 4 of these regulations the following regulation shall be substituted for regulation 3 of the principal regulations with respect to any period subsequent to the 2nd January, 1938 :—

3.—(1) For the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 16 of the Pensions Act, an exempt person, being a man, who ceases to be employed within the meaning of the Insurance Act shall continue to be insured until the thirtieth day of June, or the thirty-first day of December, whichever next precedes the expiration of a period of two years from the end of the contribution week in which he ceases to be so employed, whether he has, or has not, in the meantime ceased to hold a certificate of exemption :

Provided that if a person, while insured by virtue of the foregoing provision of this regulation, again becomes employed within the meaning of the Insurance Act, he shall not, on ceasing to be so employed, continue to be insured for any longer period than that for which he would have been insured if he had not again become employed unless—

(i) he has, since the beginning of the contribution half-year following that in which the period during which he continued to be insured began, been so employed for not less than eight weeks, whether continuous or not, in a period comprising two consecutive contribution half-years, in which case he shall continue to be insured for a period commencing on the date on which he ceased to be so employed and calculated in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this regulation ; or

(ii) he is so employed at the date when, if he were not employed, he would cease to be insured under the provisions of this regulation, in which case he shall, if he does not continue to be insured by virtue of any other provision of this regulation, so continue until the thirtieth day of