POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1939, AND THE OLD AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1940.

1940. No. 78.

Whereas the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1939, approved for the purposes of section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, a special scheme for the Insurance Industry and varied and amended the said Scheme, which Scheme as so varied and amended is hereinafter referred to as " the Scheme ";

And Whereas the Insurance Unemployment Board (hereinafter referred to as " the Board ") is the body charged with the administration of the Scheme;

Now therefore the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred on it by section 77 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, Regulation 12 of the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1939, sub-section (5) of section 3 of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, and of all other powers in that behalf and on the application of the Board, hereby makes the following Order :—

Short title and commencement.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1940, and this Order and the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1939, may be cited together as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1940.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the first day of July, 1940.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

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2.—The provisions of the Scheme shall be varied and amended as follows :—

(*a*) Clause 37 of the Scheme (which relates to the right to benefit) shall have effect as if, after sub-clause (4) thereof there were added the following sub-clause :—

" (5) Where two or more claims for benefit are made by a person insured under the Scheme in respect of different periods in a claim year and at the date when a claim in respect of any such period is determined or revised in favour of the insured person by

the Claims Officer, an Appeal Committee or the Umpire, benefit has been received by him in respect of any subsequent period or periods, the amount of benefit payable after that date in respect of the several claims shall be adjusted so as to secure that the aggregate number of days in that year for which benefit is payable in respect of all the claims shall not exceed the number of days for which his benefit rights entitle him to receive benefit."

(*b*) Clause 40 of the Scheme (which relates to benefit conditions) shall have effect as if, at the end of sub-clause (1) (*d*) there were inserted the following proviso :—

" provided that in any case where any such adjustment has been made as is referred to in sub-clause (5) of clause 37 of the Scheme, such person shall be deemed to have exhausted his rights to benefit on the day on which he would have exhausted such rights if the claim in respect of each of the periods referred to in the said sub-clause had been finally determined before the claim in respect of any subsequent period was made."

(*c*) Clause 41 of the Scheme (which relates to disqualifications for benefit) shall have effect as if—

(i) in sub-clause (4) (vii) thereof for the words " if he has attained the age of sixty-five " there were substituted the words " if, in the case of a man, he has attained the age of sixty-five "; and

(ii) after the said sub-clause there were added the following sub-clause :—

" (viii) if, in the case of a woman, she has attained the age of sixty or if, under the Statutes relating to old age pensions in Northern Ireland, she is to be treated as if she had attained that age : provided that a woman who immediately before 1st July, 1940, was a person insured under the Scheme shall, after attaining the age of sixty and before attaining the age of sixty-five be entitled during the period commencing on 1st July, 1940, and ending on 30th June, 1945, to such benefit and extended benefit as she would have been entitled to under the provisions of the Scheme in force immediately before 1st July, 1940, by virtue of any periods of insurable employment in the