Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees.

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936.

1936. No. 178.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART 1.

General.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1937.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour.

"Practitioner" means a registered medical practitioner who is on the list of medical practitioners published by the Ministry.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Any question arising as to the validity of, or otherwise in connection with, any appointment under these Regulations shall be determined by the Ministry.

4. A Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall be constituted for each of the areas set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations, and a Local Pharmaceutical Committee shall be constituted for the whole area of Northern Ireland.

PART 2.

Appointment of Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee.

5. Every practitioner whose name is upon the list published by the Ministry shall be entitled to take part in the appointment of the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee for the area in which he is resident.

6. A meeting of practitioners residing in each area shall be called in such manner as the Ministry may approve but so as

to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to bring to the notice of practitioners the time and place of meeting and the purpose of the meeting, and the practitioners attending at such meeting shall appoint six practitioners from among the practitioners on the list for the area and resident in the area to be the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee :

Provided that where in any case the practitioners in any area fail to appoint any or all of the said six members the appointment of the necessary number of persons to fill the vacancy or vacancies caused thereby shall be made by the Ministry.

7. The Ministry shall accept as sufficient notification of the said appointments a statement signed by a practitioner who was present at the meeting and entitled to take part in the proceedings.

8. Any expenses incurred in connection with the appointment of a Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall be deemed to be part of the administration expenses of such Committee.

PART 3.

Appointment of Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee.

9. Each Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall appoint two of its members to be members of the Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee and shall notify the Ministry of such appointment :

Provided that in the case of the Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee for the County Borough of Belfast the number of members to be appointed under this Regulation shall be four.

10. The Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee may co-opt other duly qualified medical practitioners (not being insurance practitioners and not exceeding three in number) to be members of the said Committee and shall notify the Ministry where any person is so co-opted.

PART 4.

Appointment of Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

11. The provisions of Part 2 of these Regulations shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to the appointment of the Local Pharmaceutical Committee :

Provided that the number of persons to be appointed to the Local Pharmaceutical Committee shall be sixteen.

PART 5.

Quorum, Term of Office, Casual Vacancies, and Procedure.

12. The quorum of a Local Insurance Practitioners' Committee shall be three, of the Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee six, and of the Local Pharmaceutical Committee five.