SECOND SCHEDULE.

Regulations Revoked.

The National Health Insurance (Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930. (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1930. No. 175).

The National Health Insurance (Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1931. (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1931. No. 127.).

The National Health Insurance (Insurance Practitioners' and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933. (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1933. No. 111).

Medical Benefit Council.

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. 177.

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 I.

General.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit Council) 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 Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 ;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland ;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland ;

"Council" means the Medical Benefit Council ;

"Society" means a Society approved under the Act ;

"Member" in relation to a Society, means a member of a Society for the purposes of the Act;

"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.

Part II.

General Provisions relating to appointment of members.

3. The Ministry shall notify each body entitled to appoint or take part in the appointment of members of the Council, of the number of members that such body is entitled to appoint, and of the time within which such appointment, if made, must be notified to the Ministry.

4. If a body fails to make a valid appointment within the limit of time above-mentioned, the Minister shall appoint a person to fill any vacancy occurring thereby.

5. If the notification of appointment is of such a nature as to cause any uncertainty as to what person or persons it is intended to appoint, the appointment shall be invalid:

Provided that no misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place shall invalidate the appointment where, in the opinion of the Ministry, the description of the person or place is such as to be commonly understood.

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

Part III.

Composition of Council.

7. The total number of members of the Council shall be thirty-two.

Appointment of representatives of Insured Persons.

8. The number of representatives of insured persons entitled to serve as members of the Council shall be eight, who shall be appointed as follows:—

(*a*) Five shall be nominated by such Association of Societies as the Ministry may select;

(*b*) Two shall be appointed by the Minister so as to represent members of those Societies to whom it is desirable in his opinion to give representation and to whom representation has not been afforded by the persons nominated under clause (*a*) of this Regulation; and

(*c*) One shall be appointed by the Minister so as to represent, in his opinion, deposit contributors.

Appointment of representatives of Employers of Insured Persons.

9. The number of representatives of employers of insured persons entitled to serve as members of the Council shall be eight, who shall be appointed as follows :—

(*a*) Two shall be nominated by the Belfast Chamber of Commerce ;

(*b*) One shall be nominated by the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce ;

(*c*) Two shall be nominated by the Minister, after consultation with a body which is, in his opinion, representative of employers in the agricultural industry ; and

(*d*) Three shall be appointed by the Minister, after consultation with bodies which are in his opinion, representative of the employers of insured persons, so as to represent the employers of insured persons, to whom representation has not been afforded by the persons nominated under clauses (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) of this Regulation.

Appointment of representatives of Medical Practitioners and of persons undertaking the supply of drugs, medicines, etc.

10. The number of representatives of practitioners entitled to serve as members of the Council shall be five who shall be nominated by and from the members of the Central Insurance Practitioners' Committee.

11. The number of representatives of persons undertaking the supply of drugs, medicines and appliances entitled to serve as members of the Council shall be three, who shall be appointed by the Minister after consultation with a body which is, in his opinion, representative of persons carrying on the business of pharmaceutical chemist in Northern Ireland.

Appointment of members by the Minister.

12. The remaining members of the Council (that is to say, eight) shall be appointed by the Minister.

Part IV.

Term of Office, Casual Vacancies, etc.

13. Members of the Council appointed under Part III of these Regulations shall, subject to the provisions of Regulation 16, hold office for a period of three years from the first day of October in the year of their appointment.