India Office,

23rd October, 1925, The KING has approved the promotion of the following officers of the Ind. Med. Service, with effect from the dates specified :-

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieutenant-Colonel to be Colonel.

A. Fenton, M.B., 9th June 1925.

Majors to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

1st Sept. 1925.

B. E. M. Newland, L. A. H. Lack, M.B., Narendra Singh Sodhi, M.C., W. C. Gray, M.B.

NOTE. I.A.—In Lond. Gaz. Notifn., dated 16th Nov. 1923, regarding the relinquishment of the temp. rank of Lt.-Col. on ceasing to hold the appmt. of A.D. of S. & T. (Embkn.) by Maj. E. M. Steward, O.B.E., I.A..S.C., for "31st Dec. 1920" read "1st Jan. 1921".

The KING has approved the grant of an honorary commission in the Ind. Land Forces to the following gentlemen, with effect from the dates specified :----

INDIAN LAND FORCES.

To be Honorary Second Lieutenants.

Muhammad Afzal Khan, 1st Oct. 1924. Girbeer Singh, 1st Apr. 1925. Hayat Sing Rawat, 28th Feb. 1925. Moti Ram Shah, 28th Feb. 1925.

The KING has approved the grant of local rank, with seniority as shown against their names, to the following officers of the New Zealand Military Forces, while serving with the Imperial Troops in India, with effect from the dates specified :-

INDIAN ARMY.

Local rank of Captain.

Capt. L. Potter, 18th Sept. 1925, but to rank

from 1st Oct. 1919. Capt. J. G. C. Wales, 18th Sept. 1925, but to rank from 1st Feb. 1923.

Local rank of Lieutenant.

Lieut. J. I. Brooke, 18th Sept. 1925, but to rank from 11th Dec. 1919.

NOTE. I.A.R.O.—The undermentioned, the relinquishment of whose temp. commn. was notified in the Lon. Gaz. dated 3rd Nov. 1922, is granted the rank of Capt. on retirement :-

F. R. Lines, late I.A.R.O.

The KING has approved the resignation of their commissions by the following officers, with effect from the dates specified :-

INDIAN ARMY.

Capt. R. H. Rogers, 18th Aug. 1925.

ARMY IN INDIA RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut. H. Graham, 24th Aug. 1925.

The KING has approved the retirement of the following officers, with effect from the dates specified :-

INDIAN ARMY.

Maj. F. M. Ransford. 1st Sept. 1925. Maj. T. T. Oakes. 8th Oct. 1925.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lt.-Col. J. W. Illius, F.R.C.S.E. (under the Premature Retirement Rules), 4th Sept. 1925.

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

Dep. Commy. with rank of Capt. R. Wright, M.B.E., 15th Oct. 1925.

MEMORANDUM.

Col. G. A. H. Beatty, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., on completion of tenure of comd., is placed on the unemployed list. 21st Oct. 1925.

. India Office, 23rd October, 1925.

ROYAL INDIAN MARINE.

The KING has approved the promotion of the undermentioned officer of the Roy. Ind. Marine, with effect from the date specified :----

Sub-Lieutenant to be Lieutenant. F. F. W. Harvey, 16th Aug. 1925.

India Office, S.W. 1, 21st October, 1925.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Mr. Sidney Reginald Daniels, Indian Civil Service, to be one of the Judges of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, in the place of Sir Theodore Caro Piggott, Indian Civil Service, who has resigned.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT, 1925.

Notice is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Minister of Health and the Scottish Board of Health, after the expiration of at least 40 days from this date, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and by the Contributory Pensions (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1925, to make regulations, in conjunction with the Treasury and the Postmaster-General, as to the manner of making claims for, and the payment of, widows' and orphans' pensions.

Copies of the draft regulations can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kings-way, London, W.C. 2; 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; York Street, Manchester; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; or 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1925.

Ministry of Health. Whitehall, S.W. 1.