MEDICAL BRANCH.

Arthur Leicester St. Aubyn McClosky is granted a short service commission as a Flying Officer, for 3 years on the active list, with effect from and with seniority of 2nd Feb. 1927, and is seconded for civil employment at the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne, from that date to 1st Mar. 1927, inclusive.

Ronald Thorpe is granted a short service commission as a Flying Officer, for 3 years on the active list, with effect from and with

seniority of 2nd Mar. 1927.

Flight Lt. Vincent Russell Smith is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader. 12th Mar. 1927.

Flying Officer Donald Bruce SMITH, M.B., is promoted to the rank of Flight Lt. 19th Mar. 1927.

Tempy Lt Paul Marcus MARGAND (General List, Army, Dental Surgeon) is granted a temporary commission as a Flying Officer on attachment to the R.A.F. Mar. 1927. He will continue to receive emoluments from Army sources.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

The undermentioned relinquish their commissions on completion of service:-

Flight Lieutenant.

9th Mar 1927. Leicester Edward TAYLOR, M.B.E.

Flying Officers.

11th Mar. 1927. Harold Arthur Vincent Kirk. Henry Marsden: Frank Holt PIDGEON. James Alexander Shaw.

Flying Officer Charles Edwin STUART relinquishes his commission on account of illhealth, and is permitted to retain his rank. 16th Mar. 1927.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

The undermentioned to be Pilot Officer:-County of Warwick (Bombing) Squadron.

John Frederic Chaytor BRINTON. 15th Mar. 1927.

Civil Service Commission. March 15, 1927.

. The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, in pursuance of Clause 13 of the General Regulations made under the Order in Council of the 22nd July, 1920, that, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, they have prescribed that persons holding established situations in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland, who are presented for Certificates of Qualification on being transferred to any Department of the Civil Service of Great Britain, may with Treasury approval be exempt from the payment of a fee in respect of the issue of such Certificate of Qualification, unless they are required to undergo examination of knowledge and ability.

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, 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, to make regulations in conjunction with the Treasury prescribing the weeks in respect of which contributions shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the Act and revoking the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations, 1925, other than Article 6 thereof and the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1926.

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, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; York Street, Manchester; or 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

Dated this fifteenth day of March, 1927.

Ministry of Health.

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 11TH MARCH, 1927.)

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1925, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:-

Authorisation of Landing of Animals for Exceptional Purposes.

1. The landing of the animals described in the First Schedule hereto, which are intended for exceptional purposes, is hereby allowed subject to the provisions of Part II (Quarantine) of the Third Schedule to the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and of the Foreign Animals (Quarantine) Order of 1896, and of this Order.

Definition of Quarantine Station.

2. The premises described in the Second Schedule hereto are hereby defined as a Foreign Animals Quarantine Station for the purpose of the detention of the animals described in the First Schedule hereto.

Examination before Landing.

3. No such animals as aforesaid shall be landed except with a licence granted by an Inspector of the Ministry, which licence shall not be granted unless and until the animals have been examined by a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry and certified by him to be free from symptoms of contagious disease.

Regulations Applicable to the Animals on Landing.

4. The animals, on being landed, shall forthwith be moved under the supervision of an Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and