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*Board of Trade,  
Great George Street,  
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### OPTICAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.

#### COMMITTEE UNDER PART II OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF INDUSTRIES ACT, 1921.

The Board of Trade give Notice that they have received a complaint by the British Optical Instrument Manufacturers' Association Limited, the British Photographic Manufacturers' Association, the Spectacle Manufacturers' Association, and the Drawing Instrument Manufacturers' Association, that Optical and other Scientific Instruments manufactured in Germany are being sold or offered for sale in the United Kingdom at prices which, by reason of depreciation in the value in relation to sterling of German currency, are below the prices at which similar goods can be profitably manufactured in the United Kingdom, and that by reason thereof employment in the industry manufacturing similar goods in the United Kingdom is being or is likely to be seriously affected. The Board of Trade, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Part II of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, have referred the matter for inquiry to a Committee constituted for the purposes of that Part of the Act, and consisting of:—

- Sir R. Henry Rew, K.C.B. (Chairman),
- Mr. A. K. Davies,
- Mr. Rayner Goddard,
- Mr. A. E. Holmes, and
- Mr. J. F. Mason, J.P.

The Committee are directed, after ascertaining the facts, to report to the President of the Board of Trade (a) whether the conditions specified in Section 2, Sub-section (1) of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, are fulfilled in respect of all or any particular varieties of Optical and other Scientific Instruments; (b) on the effect which the imposition of a duty under Part II of the Act on goods of the class or description covered by the complaint would exert on employment in any other industry, being an industry using goods of that class or description as material; and (c) whether in the opinion of the Committee production in the industry manufacturing similar goods in the United Kingdom is being carried on with reasonable efficiency and economy.

The Committee propose to hold their first sitting for the taking of evidence at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 15th May, 1922, at the Hotel Windsor (Mines Department), Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

The Secretary to the Committee is Mr. T. Turner, Board of Trade, Great George Street, London, S.W.1, to whom all communications should be addressed.

#### ORDER.

#### CLOSING OF PATRICK'S LANE IN THE CITY OF BELFAST.

I, the Right Hon. Sir Richard Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern