parts thereto made wholly or partially of paper, cardboard, chip, or similar material; the making of brushes; the making of cartridges; pea-picking; feather sorting; the carding, boxing, or packeting of buttons, hooks and eyes, pins, and hair pins; the making of stuffed toys; the making of baskets; and any processes incidental to the above; and

(2) applying the provisions of section 110 (prohibition of home work in places where there is infectious disease) to the making, cleaning, washing, altering, ornamenting, finishing, and repairing of wearing apparel, and any work incidental thereto (as in the said section specified); the making, ornamenting, mending, and finishing of lace and of lace curtains and nets; upholstery work; fur-pulling; the making or repairing of umbrellas, sunshades, parasols, or parts thereof; the making of artificial flowers; the making of nets other than wire nets; the making of tents; the making or repairing of sacks; the covering of racquet or tennis balls; the making of paper bags; the making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper, cardboard, chip, or similar material; the making of brushes; pea-picking; feather sorting; the carding, boxing, or packeting of buttons, hooks and eyes, pins, and hair pins; the making of stuffed toys; the making of baskets; and any processes incidental to the above.

Copies of the draft of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Factory Department, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.

Whitehall, 31st January 1907.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 53 of the Explosives Act, 1875, has appointed Acting Sergeant Samuel French, No. 56,158, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, an Inspector for Ireland under the said Act.

Whitehall, 25th January 1907.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns, in the Week ended 26th January 1907, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

| BR | TISH CO | ORN. | QUANTITIES SOLD. | AVERAGE PRICE. | |
|--------|---------|------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Wheat | ••• | | Qrs. Bus. 80,321 0 | s. d. 26 2 | |
| Barley | ••• | | 109,274 7 | 24 5 | |
| Oats | ••• | ••• | 45,887 3 | 17 5 | |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1900 to 1906.

| Corresponding Week in | | QU | JANTITIES SOL | AVERAGE PRICE. | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | WHEAT. | BARLEY. | OATS. | WHEAT. | BARLEY. | OATS. |
| 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 | | Qrs. Bus. 73,796 6 72,527 4 73,881 4 76,099 2 54,308 7 48,869 2 70,162 0 | Qrs. Bus. 90,769 7 87,205 0 81,468 5 127,169 3 105,148 4 89,495 5 70,096 5 | Qrs. Bus. 22,061 2 21,707 2 25,657 2 39,323 7 38,263 4 41,662 1 29,497 0 | s. d. 25 8 26 7 27 4 25 4 26 11 30 6 28 7 | s. d. 25 4 25 7 26 7 24 3 22 3 25 1 25 1 | s. d. 16 6 17 8 20 2 17 0 15 8 16 7 18 7 |

^{*} Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,

3 St. James' Square, London, S.W., 26th January 1907.