February 1919, to those persons to whom they supplied any such goods during the year ending 28th February 1918, two-thirds of the weight of such goods as they supplied to them during the previous 12 months.

2. All importers and manufacturers of and dealers in any description of paper other than those mentioned in paragraph 1 and in paper making materials shall, if required, supply during the year ending 28th February 1919, to those persons to whom they supplied during the year ending 28th February 1918, any description of paper, other than as aforesaid, or any product or products of paper making material, whether such material was imported into or produced in the United Kingdom, onehalf of the weight of paper, or of the product or products of such materials as they supplied to them during the previous 12 months.

3. Where during the year ending 28th February 1918, a person was by reason of a priority certificate or certificates supplied with a greater amount of the goods mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order than he would otherwise have been entitled to obtain under the regulations issued by the Royal Commission on Paper and then in force, such greater amount shall be excluded in calculating the amount which he is entitled to demand under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order.

4. Where a person requires to be supplied with any of the goods referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order he shall give reasonable notice of his requirements to the importer, manufacturers or dealer from whom he is entitled to claim supplies. Such notice shall refer to his requirements during each four monthly period ending 30th June and 30th October 1918, and 28th February 1919. In default of such notice he shall not be entitled to receive such supplies. Any question as to the sufficiency or reasonableness of such notice shall be determined by the Royal Commission on Paper. Such notice shall not, unless by consent, be withdrawn.

5. If any question arises between a person who is bound to give and a person who is entitled to receive supplies under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order as to the price at which the goods are to be supplied, such questions shall in default of agreement be determined by the Royal Commission on Paper, whose decision shall be final.

6. If by reason of fulfiling orders in respect of which priority certificates have been issued under the Paper Restriction Order No. 5, 1917, any person is unable to supply all other persons who are entitled to require supplies from him with their requirements in full, he shall divide the balance of his stock or output remaining, after the fulfilment of orders in respect of which priority certificates have been granted, pro rata among such other persons, unless the Royal Commission on Paper otherwise direct.

7. If in the opinion of the Royal Commission on Paper the fulfilment of any requirement made under paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Order is impossible or unreasonable, having regard to any restrictions in force or to circumstances arising out of the present war, or to any other sufficient reason, they may in writing excuse the fulfilment of any such requirement or any part thereof.

8. All persons shall obey the instructions of the Royal Commission on Paper relating to the | and Marines, and to all persons interested therein,

manufacture, purchase, sale (including the fixing of maximum prices), distribution, supply, transport or storage of paper, and all articles mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof.

9. Infringements of this Order are summary offences under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

10. This Order may be cited as the Paper Restriction Order, 1918.

> W. F. MARWOOD, A Secretary to the Board of Trade.

27th February 1918.

Ministry of Munitions of War, 28th February 1918.

RE-SCUTCHED TOW ORDER, 1918.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of. the Realm Regulations and of other powers thereunto enabling him, hereby gives notice and orders as follows :-

1. He hereby takes possession as and from the date hereof, of all re-scutched Tow off the flax of the 1917 crop and previous years, grown in Ireland, and not at the date hereof in possession of a Flax Spinner for the purpose of his business.

2. The re-scutched Tow of which possession is hereby taken, under paragraph 1, will be divided under the direction of the Director-General of Aircraft Production into three Grades according to its quality, handling and cleaning, and the Minister will pay the following prices therefor :--

First Grade.-£100 per ton, delivered at nearest railway station to appointed destination.

Second Grade .- £95 per ton delivered at nearest railway station to appointed destination.

Third Grade.-£85 per ton, delivered at nearest railway station to appointed destination.

Fine Tow which is not re-scutched, pluckings, dressings and re-scutched Tow which is inferior in quality to that of the Third Grade hereinbefore mentioned, will be paid for according to their relative values.

3. All Contracts previously entered into for the purchase of re-scutched Tow are hereby cancelled as at this date, as regards re-scutched Tow not yet delivered.

4. If after this Notice and Order any person having control of any re-scutched Tow referred to hereunder sells, removes or secretes such rescutched Tow, except upon the terms provided in this Order, he will be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1,

28th February 1918.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen,