

to be grown on sheep in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isle of Man during the season of 1918.

8. Notice is hereby given, that it is the intention of the Army Council to take possession of all washed or willeyed locks produced from daggings or clarts grown or to be grown on sheep in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isle of Man during the season of 1918.

9. No person shall mix or wind in any fleece wool grown or to be grown on sheep in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Isle of Man during the season of 1918 any brokes or fallen wool, locks, daggings, or other matter whatsoever, or wind or cause to be wound the said wool otherwise than in separate fleeces and tied with wool bands or glazed string supplied by persons authorised to purchase or collect wool by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials.

10. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to apply to Shetland Wool.

11. For the purpose of this Order :—

The expression "Fleece Wool" shall mean the fleece removed entirely by shearing or clipping of sheep or lambs.

The expression "Daggings" or "Unwashed Daggings" or "Clarts" shall mean the wool naturally clotted with dung or earth.

The expression "Locks" shall mean any wool except daggings which may have become detached from the fleece at the time of shearing or thereafter.

The expression "Washed or Willeyed Locks" shall mean daggings as hereinbefore defined, wherefrom the dung or earth has been extracted by washing or any other process.

The expression "Brokes" shall mean short wool obtained from the edges of the fleece in clipping.

The expression "Fallen Wool" shall mean wool removed from the skins of sheep or lambs which have died a natural death.

The expression "Gathered Wool" shall mean wool left by living sheep on hedges or other places.

12. This Order may be cited as the Sale of Wool (United Kingdom) Order, 1918.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

6th March 1918.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

THE DOMESTIC SHEEPSKINS ORDER, 1918.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council do hereby order that all persons engaged in the purchase, sale, or manufacture of Sheep and Lamb Skins, taken from Sheep or Lambs killed in Great Britain, including Slink Lambs and Morts, or any article wholly or partly manufactured therefrom, shall comply with the following regulations :—

(1) Save as hereinafter specifically excepted, no fellmonger shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials, hold any skins of the descriptions aforesaid (other than those from Slink Lambs) for a period exceeding three weeks after the receipt

by him of the woolled skins ; but all fellmongers shall deliver such skins as aforesaid, duly fellmongered, to a tanner or dresser, within the said period.

Provided that no person shall, after the fifteenth day of March 1918, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials, fellmonger, sell, or deliver any Shearling Skins taken from *Cross-bred or Down Skins* which would, when fellmongered, produce an extra Pelt ; but shall salt them immediately on receipt thereof, and keep them for inspection by a person authorised by the Director of Raw Materials. Such skins shall be re-salted within seven days of the receipt thereof, and if they have not been inspected within fourteen days of such receipt, application shall be made to the Director of Raw Materials for permission to fellmonger them.

(2) All Fellmongers and/or Tanners shall grade all Pelts of the descriptions aforesaid on the same principles and according to the same standards of assortment as those generally prevailing in the trade prior to the ninth day of April 1917, and no Fellmonger shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials, deliver any Pelts of the descriptions aforesaid otherwise than to such persons as he supplied therewith prior to the first day of January 1916, and in such proportions as the said supply was delivered.

The classification shall be as follows :—

(a) *Sheep Pelts :*

1. English : Extras, Firsts, Seconds, Thirds.
2. Scotch : Primes, Light Primes, Seconds.

(b) *Lamb Pelts :*

1. English : Supers, Firsts, Seconds.
2. Scotch : Primes, Seconds.

All Sheep and Lamb Pelts in Fellmongers' and/or Tanners' yards to be subject to classification by the Department's Inspectors, and the determination of the Director of Raw Materials as to classification to be final.

(3) No Tanner or Dresser of Sheepskins of the descriptions aforesaid shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials, tan or dress any such Skins, Pelts, or Basils otherwise than for the production of leather for the purposes of a Government contract or order or for such other purposes as may be approved by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials.

(4) No Splitter, Tanner or Dresser shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials, sell any Pelts of the description aforesaid in the salted, limed or pickled state.

(5) The Order made by the Army Council under the Defence of the Realm Regulations relating to Pelts of the descriptions aforesaid and dated the thirtieth day of June 1917, is hereby cancelled.

(6) This Order may be cited as the Domestic Sheepskins Order, 1918.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.