

WELFARE OF WORKERS IN FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by Section 7 of the Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, of making Orders for securing the welfare of the workers employed in factories and workshops, he proposes, with the concurrence of the Minister of Munitions, to make an Order applying to all factories or parts of factories in which any process in turning or machining shells or shell bodies is carried on, to require facilities for sitting to be provided for all the female workers employed in any such process so as to enable them to take advantage of any opportunities for resting which may occur in the course of their employment.

Copies of the draft Order can be obtained on application to the Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

Any objection to the proposed Order must be sent to the Secretary of State at the Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1, within 21 days after the date of this notice. The objection must be in writing, and must state:—

- (a) the specific grounds of objection to the draft Order; and
- (b) the modifications asked for.

Where an objection is made jointly on behalf of a number of occupiers, the names of the occupiers and their addresses must be stated, or, if the objection is made by an association of occupiers on behalf of its members, the number of the members affected by the Order.

Home Office, Whitehall,
26th April 1918.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

In pursuance of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Coal Mines Act, 1911, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes to make General Regulations in substitution for the General Regulations made under the said Act, and dated the 9th September 1913, to apply to all mines under that Act in which ganister or other stone containing not less than 80 per cent. of silica (Si O₂) is worked.

Copies of the draft Regulations may be obtained by persons affected on application to the Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

Any objection with respect to the draft Regulations by or on behalf of any person affected thereby must be sent to the Secretary of State within 30 days from the date of this notice—i.e., before the 26th May next. Every such objection must be in writing, and must state:—

- (a) the specific grounds of objection;
- (b) the omissions, additions or modifications asked for.

Home Office, Whitehall,
25th April 1918.

Downing Street,
24th April 1918.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Alexander Morrison

Harvey, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Nigeria.

Board of Trade,
7 Whitehall Gardens.

TOBACCO PRICES.

Schedule of Maximum Prices on Sales by Manufacturers, Wholesale Dealers and Importers.

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Tobacco Restriction Order (No. 3), 1917, the Tobacco Control Board hereby give notice as follows:—

From and after the date of this notice, and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the maximum price at which a Manufacturer or Importer may sell the Tobaccos, Cigarettes and Cigars of the qualities and descriptions set out in the Schedule shall be at a price which, with all discounts deducted, is less than that at which such Tobaccos, Cigarettes and Cigars may be retailed to the public under the provisions of any Order in force for the time being by at least the amount shown in this Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE.

Cigarettes manufactured in the United Kingdom, sold in Packet, Box or other Container.

Cigarettes sold up to the rate of 4d. for 10 to show at least 21 per cent. on the Manufacturers' Price.

At over the rate of 4d., but not exceeding 5½d. for 10, 25 per cent.

At over the rate of 5½d., but not exceeding 7d. for 10, 27½ per cent.

Cigarettes sold at over the rate of 7d. for 10, 30 per cent.

Cigarettes sold by weight.

The maximum price at which a Manufacturer may sell Cigarettes manufactured in the United Kingdom and sold by weight, shall be such that the difference between the Manufacturers' price and the retail selling price shall be 5 per cent. less than the difference which obtained between such prices on 20th April 1918, provided that the difference shall not in any case be less in pence per lb. than it was on that date.

Imported Cigarettes.

The gross difference between the Importers' selling price (with all discounts deducted) and the price authorised by the Schedule of Prices referred to above, shall not be less than 25 per cent. on the net cost to the Retailer.

Cigars manufactured in the United Kingdom.

The gross difference between the Manufacturers' selling price per box of 50 (with all discounts deducted) and the price authorised by the Schedule of Prices referred to above shall not be less than 30 per cent. on the net cost price.

Imported Manufactured Tobaccos and Snuffs.

The gross difference between the Importers or Dealers in bond or duty paid price and the price authorised by the Schedule of prices referred to above, shall not bear a less profit in pence per lb. to the Wholesaler and Retailer combined than they did at 20th April 1918.