

three months from 28th September 1918, the provisions of this Order will take effect as from the 1st November 1918, and will remain in force until cancelled or varied, either wholly or in part, by the Committee.

Signed by Order of the District Agricultural Wages Committee.

ALEX. FAIRLIE, Chairman.  
W. MACRAE, Secretary.

Dated 1st November 1918.

NOTE.—Section 17 (1) above referred to provides as follows:—

For the purpose of this Act—

(a) the expression "agriculture" includes the use of land as grazing, meadow, or pasture land, or orchard, or osier land, or woodland, or for market gardens, or nursery grounds, and the expression "agricultural" shall be construed accordingly.

(c) the expression "workmen" includes boys, women and girls.

(d) the expression "employment" means employment under a contract of service or apprenticeship, and the expressions "employ" and "employer" shall be construed accordingly.

Applications for Permits of Exemption from the operation of the minimum wage provisions of the Corn Production Act under the proviso to Section 5 (3), should be addressed to the Secretary, District Agricultural Wages Committee for the County of Ayr, Royal Bank, Stewarton, from whom forms of Application for a Permit can be obtained.

Complaints under Section 6, regarding the inadequacy of payments for piece-work, and Complaints under Section 7 regarding infringement of the Order fixing minimum rates should be sent to the same address.

The rates specified in the foregoing Schedule are inclusive of the value of any Benefits or Advantages which may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash.

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 9th November 1918, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.	QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat ... ..	73,654	6	72	4
Barley ... ..	98,726	2	60	2
Oats ... ..	13,831	4	49	11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the Corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1911 to 1917.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1911 ... ..	60,537	3	114,070	7	17,625	5	33	1	32	10	21	0
1912 ... ..	44,672	0	149,403	4	17,203	5	32	10	31	2	19	9
1913 ... ..	52,684	5	203,269	0	17,329	5	30	1	27	8	17	11
1914 ... ..	69,456	2	157,982	5	35,846	3	39	8	29	0	24	8
1915 ... ..	90,047	1	125,185	0	37,179	7	52	8	47	5	30	11
1916 ... ..	85,145	0	117,431	0	28,725	0	69	8	58	0	35	8
1917 ... ..	56,835	4	119,246	2	16,011	4	70	3	60	2	42	11

\* 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.

R. HENRY REW.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
3 St. James's Square, London, S.W. 1,  
9th November 1918.