

Fellmongery Trade.
 Leather Trade (tanning and dressing).
 Building and Contracting Trades.
 Brick and Fireclay Trades.
 China and Earthenware Trades.
 Cement Trade.

Gas Undertakings.
 Electricity Undertakings.

H. A. PAYNE,
 Secretary to the Board of Trade.
 22nd December 1919.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.
 ROPE, TWINE, AND NET TRADE BOARD
 (GREAT BRITAIN).

PROPOSAL TO FIX MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES
 FOR FEMALE AND MALE WORKERS.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October 1919, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, for those branches of the trade specified in the Trade Boards (Rope, Twine, and Net) Order, 1919, hereby give Notice, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they Propose to Fix General Minimum Time-rates, Piece-work Basis Time-rates, and Overtime Rates for female and male workers, and to declare the normal number of hours of work in the trade for the purpose of the application of the Overtime Rates, as set out in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

PROPOSED GENERAL MINIMUM TIME-RATES.

SECTION I.

Female Workers.

(a) For Workers other than Home-workers—

Workers of 18 years of age and upwards,
 8½d. per hour.

Workers of 17½ years of age and under
 18, 7½d. per hour.
 Workers of 17 years of age and under
 17½, 6½d. per hour.
 Workers of 16½ years of age and under
 17, 5¾d. per hour.
 Workers of 16 years of age and under
 16½, 5d. per hour.
 Workers of 15 years of age and under
 16, 4½d. per hour.
 Workers under 15 years of age, 4d. per
 hour.

Provided that workers entering the Trade for the first time at or over the age of 16 years may be employed for a period not exceeding six months at a minimum rate which is less by ½d. per hour than the minimum rate applicable under the above scale.

(b) For Home-workers—

(i) General Minimum Time-rate to operate during the first period of six months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice take effect, 7½d. per hour.

(ii) General Minimum Time-rate to operate during the second period of six months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice take effect, 8d. per hour.

(iii) General Minimum Time-rate to operate as from the expiration of twelve months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice take effect, 8½d. per hour.

SECTION II.

Male Workers.

	(i) General Minimum Time-rate to operate during the first period of six months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice takes effect.	(ii) General Minimum Time-rate to operate during the second period of six months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice take effect.	(iii) General minimum Time-rate to operate as from the expiration of twelve months from the date on which the minimum rates set out in this Notice take effect.
Workers of 21 years of age and over ...	1s. 1½d. per hour	1s. 2d. per hour.	1s. 3d. per hour.
" 20 and under 21 years of age	11d. "	11d. "	11d. "
" 19 " 20 "	9½d. "	9½d. "	9½d. "
" 18 " 19 "	8½d. "	8½d. "	8½d. "
" 17 " 18 "	7½d. "	7½d. "	7½d. "
" 16 " 17 "	5¾d. "	5¾d. "	5¾d. "
" 15 " 16 "	4½d. "	4½d. "	4½d. "
Under 15 years of age	4d. "	4d. "	4d. "

Provided that workers entering the trade for the first time at or over the age of 18 years may be employed for a period not exceeding six months at a minimum rate which is less by 1d. per hour than the minimum rate applicable under the above scale.