

said section 45 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Board of Trade by section 45 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, the Board of Trade do hereby authorize the abandonment by the London and North-Western Railway Company of the aforesaid portions of the said Shropshire Canal.

Dated the 30th day of April, 1913.

H. Llewellyn Smith,

Secretary of the Board of Trade.

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRADE UNDER SECTION 5 (2).

WHEREAS by Section 4 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, it is amongst other things provided as follows:—

(1) Trade Boards shall, subject to the provisions of this Section, fix minimum rates of wages for time work for their trades (in this Act referred to as minimum time-rates), and may also fix general minimum rates of wages for piece-work for their trades (in this Act referred to as general minimum piece-rates), and those rates of wages (whether time or piece rates) may be fixed so as to apply universally to the trade or so as to apply to any special process in the work of the trade or to any special class of workers in the trade or to any special area.

If a Trade Board report to the Board of Trade that it is impracticable in any case to fix a minimum time-rate in accordance with this Section, the Board of Trade may so far as respects that case relieve the Trade Board of their duty.

(2) Before fixing any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate, the Trade Board shall give notice of the rate which they propose to fix and consider any objections to the rate which may be lodged with them within three months.

(3) The Trade Board shall give notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them.

AND WHEREAS by Section 5 of the said Act it is amongst other things provided—

(1) Until a minimum time-rate or general

minimum piece-rate fixed by a Trade Board has been made obligatory by order of the Board of Trade under this Section, the operation of the rate shall be limited as in this Act provided.

(2) Upon the expiration of six months from the date on which a Trade Board have given notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them, the Board of Trade shall make an order (in this Act referred to as an obligatory order) making that minimum rate obligatory in cases in which it is applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed, unless they are of opinion that the circumstances are such as to make it premature or otherwise undesirable to make an obligatory order, and in that case they shall make an order suspending the obligatory operation of the rate (in this Act referred to as an order of suspension).

AND WHEREAS a Trade Board was established by the Board of Trade under the said Act on 5th September, 1911, for the making of Boxes or parts thereof made wholly or partially of Paper, Cardboard, Chip or similar material in Ireland, and was constituted in accordance with Regulations made by the Board of Trade under the said Act, and dated 23rd August, 1910.

AND WHEREAS the said Trade Board gave notice on 4th May, 1912, that they proposed to fix minimum time-rates of wages for female workers in the said trade.

AND WHEREAS after considering the objections to the minimum rates proposed for female workers lodged with them within three months from 4th May, 1912, the said Trade Board gave notice on 4th November, 1912, that they had fixed minimum time-rates of wages for female workers in the said trade, and the rates fixed are set out in the Schedule hereto.

AND WHEREAS the said rates have been in limited operation since the 4th day of November, 1912.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers in them vested as before recited, DO by this order make the said minimum time-rates fixed by the said Trade Board and set out in the said Schedule hereto obligatory in cases in which they are applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed in the said Trade.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1913.

Sydney Buxton,

President of the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE.

MINIMUM TIME-RATES FOR FEMALE WORKERS.

(1) The minimum (or lowest) time-rate of wages for female workers in the trade of making boxes or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper, cardboard, chip or similar material, in Ireland, shall (subject to the provisions of this notice as to learners) be as follows, clear of all deductions, that is to say:—

2½d. an hour.

(2) The above rate shall apply to all female workers (excepting all female learners as herein-after defined) who are during the whole or part of their time employed in the making of boxes or parts thereof, as aforesaid or in any branch or process thereof, but shall not apply to any female workers who are merely employed in work incidental or ancillary thereto.