

boroughs of Cardiff, Swansea, and Merthyr Tydvil, to the petty sessional divisions of Amman Valley and Llanelly, in the administrative county of Carmarthen, to the petty sessional divisions of Ystradgynlais and Penderyn, in the administrative county of Brecknock, and to the petty sessional divisions of Bedwellty and Pontypool, and to the parish of Risca, in the administrative county of Monmouth.

Definitions.

2. In this order—

“The Board” means the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries;

“The District” means the District described in Art. 1;

“The Local Authority” means the local authority for the District or part of the District under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894;

“Disease” means that disease affecting potatoes which is known as Synchytrium endobioticum, or Wart Disease of Potatoes, Black Scab, Cauliflower Disease or Potato Canker; and “Diseased” means visibly affected with such disease;

“Tubers” means tubers of the potato plant; and

“Article” means Article of this Order.

Restrictions on planting in the District.

3. No person shall plant, or cause or permit any potatoes to be planted in any land in his occupation or under his charge, which is situated within the District, if the potatoes are diseased or unless they are such potatoes as may be authorised for such purpose from time to time by the Board, and no person shall permit any potatoes to remain in land in his occupation or under his charge if the potatoes have been planted in contravention of this Article, provided that it shall be lawful for any occupier of land within the District to plant in the year 1918 any potatoes of early varieties which were part of a crop grown on land in his own occupation in the year 1917.

Restrictions on sale of potatoes for planting within the District.

4. No person shall sell or offer for sale potatoes to any person resident or carrying on business within the District except with the authority of a licence issued by the Board or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions imposed by the licence. This restriction shall not apply to potatoes which are conspicuously labelled “not sold for planting,” or which are sold for consumption on board a ship.

Restriction on Introduction of Potatoes into the District.

5. No person, whether residing or carrying on business within or without the District, shall bring or cause to be brought into the District potatoes for planting except with the authority of a licence issued by the Board, or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions imposed by the licence.

Notification of disease.

6. The occupier or other person in charge of any premises within the District on which disease exists or appears to exist shall forthwith notify the fact by post or otherwise to the Board, or to an Inspector of the Board or of

any Local Authority or other person duly empowered by the Board or the Local Authority to receive such notification, and where practicable a specimen showing the disease shall accompany the notice.

Precautions to be adopted in case of an outbreak or supposed outbreak of the disease.

7.—(1) No tubers shall be removed from any land in the District on which disease exists or appears to exist until after the investigation required by this Article.

(2) The Board or the Local Authority on receiving notice of the existence or apparent existence of disease shall forthwith take such steps as may be necessary to investigate and verify the existence of disease in the crops or soil.

(3) The Board or the Local Authority may at any time and from time to time by notice served on an occupier, or other person in charge of the premises concerned, require him to adopt such measures for the prevention of the spread of disease as are authorised by this Article and specified in such notice.

(4) A notice under this Article may require the occupier or other person in charge of the premises to adopt one or more of the following measures; that is to say:—

(a) to destroy any part of the crop, except the tubers, by fire or such other suitable method as may be specified in the notice;

(b) to boil thoroughly all diseased tubers;

(c) to take such other steps as the Board or the Local Authority may consider necessary to prevent the spread of disease.

(5) Any such notice may appoint the time within which the adoption of any measure thereby prescribed shall be completed.

(6) For the purposes of this Article a notice shall be deemed to be served on any person if it is delivered to him personally or left for him at his last known place of abode or business, or sent through the post in a letter addressed to him there; and a notice or other document purporting to be signed by an Inspector of the Board, or by the Clerk of the Local Authority or other person duly empowered in this behalf, shall be prima facie evidence that it was signed by him and was duly authorised by the Board or by the Local Authority.

(8) Nothing in this Article shall prevent the destruction by the owner, by fire or other effective method, of any diseased tubers.

Diseased tubers not to be sold.

8. Diseased tubers shall not be sold or offered for sale for any purposes.

Information to be given as to diseased potatoes.

9. Every person resident or carrying on business in the District who has or has had in his possession or under his charge any diseased tubers shall, if so required in writing by the Board or the Local Authority or by the Inspector of the Board or other person duly empowered by the Board or the Local Authority in this behalf, give the Board or the Local Authority or the Inspector or other person so empowered all such information as he possesses concerning the persons in whose possession or under whose charge such tubers are or have been: Provided that any information given under this Article shall not be used as evidence against the person giving the same in any pro-