

Whitehall, July 26, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Mr. Graham Hutcheson Stewart, Master of the Steamship "Figuig," and Mr. Arthur Pitto, Agent of the "Santé Maritime," at Casablanca, Morocco, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Shereefian Order to the Ouissam Alaouite, which Decoration has been conferred upon them by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Morocco in recognition of valuable services rendered by them.

CABS AND STAGE CARRIAGES.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that on the 25th instant he made an Order, in pursuance of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869 (32 and 33 Vict., c. 115), and the London Cab and Stage Carriage Act, 1907 (7 Edw. VII, c. 55), to come into force on the 5th day of August, 1918, and to remain in force until the termination of the war, authorizing the increase of fares for horse-drawn cabs in the Metropolis by the addition of 6d. for each hiring.

The Order will be issued shortly in Statutory Rule form, when copies may be purchased through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Limited, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Whitehall,
29th July, 1918.

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 to make an Order to require the provision of First Aid and Ambulance arrangements for the treatment of accidents at all factories or parts of factories employing 25 or more persons which are saw mills or in which articles of wood are manufactured.

Copies of the draft Order may be purchased—price 1d. each, by post 1½d.—from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses: Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Limited, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

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 requirements in the draft Order objected to;
- (b) the specific grounds of objection; and
- (c) the modifications asked for.

Where an objection is made jointly on be-

half 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,
30th July, 1918.

*Downing Street,
27th July, 1918.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major the Honourable Sir Eustace Edward Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Bart., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Seychelles.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
26th July, 1918.*

The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased by Warrant under his hand and Seal bearing date the 25th instant, to appoint Mr. Alexander Ross to be Sheriff Clerk of the County of Ross and Cromarty in the room of Mr. James MacLennan, deceased.

*Board of Trade,
7, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.*

THE PITWOOD ORDER, 1918, DATED 29TH JULY, 1918, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE, PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS 2F AND 2JJ OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

The Board of Trade deeming it expedient to make further exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulations 2F and 2JJ of the Defence of the Realm Regulations hereby order as follows:—

1. For the purposes of this Order, Great Britain shall be divided into areas called Pitwood areas of supply as defined in the First Schedule hereto.

The expression "Pitwood" means pitprops, sawn props and timber in the round which is intended for use in mines.

2. On and after the 12th day of August, 1918, no person shall deliver, move or consign or cause or permit to be delivered, moved or consigned pitwood from one area of supply to another except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Controller of Timber Supplies or by a person duly authorised on his behalf.

3. From the date of this Order no person shall buy or sell or offer to buy or sell pitwood (whether in selected sizes or otherwise) at prices exceeding those set forth in the Second Schedule hereto; provided that the Controller of Timber Supplies by notice under his hand may from time to time alter such prices, and the prices as altered shall thereafter be the maximum prices at which pitwood may be bought or sold.

4. Where pitwood is sold for delivery into another area under a permit granted in accordance with paragraph 2 hereof the maximum price at which such timber may be sold shall be the price prevailing in the area to which the pitwood is delivered.

5. Home Grown pitwood shall be sold invoiced and consigned separate and apart from Imported pitwood.

6. Where pitwood is sold by weight in any area of supply other than No. 6 the price shall