

Whitehall, January 27, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Henry Aufrère Leggett, Esq., O.B.E., and Christopher Foulis Roundell, Esq., O.B.E., of the Local Government Board, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Commander of the Order of the Crown, which Decoration has been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of valuable services rendered by them in connection with Belgian refugees.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 25th January, 1919, he made an Order under Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, entitled "The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 25th January, 1919." The effect of the Order is to add the explosives Samsonite No. 2 and Samsonite No. 3 to the permitted explosives named and defined in the First Schedule to the Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 1st September, 1913.

Copies of the Order can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, 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 Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Home Office, Whitehall,
28th January, 1919.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 22, 1919.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. O. H. Foster, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Hitchin, in the County of Hertford, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 24, 1919.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. E. Hodder to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Stafford No. 2 District of the County of Stafford.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
25th January, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of Garden Alexander Duff, Esq., to be Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen, and a Commission in his favour, bearing date the 15th January, has been signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

In accordance with the Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October, 1918, the Trade Board estab-

lished under that Act, and the Trade Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1913, for certain branches of the Machine-made Lace and Net Finishing trade as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated 16th March, 1914, hereby give Notice as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they propose to vary the following General Minimum Piece-Rates of Wages at present fixed and set out in the Schedule of their notice dated 17th June, 1918, for the Drawing and Plain Cutting of Lace which is the product of Warp machines, and for Threading, Cutting and Ticketting of Hair Nets.

The Trade Board give similar notice that they propose to fix General Minimum Piece-Rates for Ripping and Roving of Lace other than Warp Lace and to cancel the General Minimum Piece-Rate at present fixed for Scoolloping of Lace which is the product of Warp machines.

On application to the Trade Board further information will be given as to the rates proposed, if in the opinion of the Trade Board the applicant is likely to be affected thereby.

The Trade Board will consider any objections to their proposals to vary, fix and cancel General Minimum Piece-Rates which may be lodged with them within two months from the 23rd January, 1919. Such objections should be in writing, and should be sent to the Secretary of the Lace Finishing Trade Board, Old Serjeants Inn, 5, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. 2.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1919.

G. T. Reid,
Secretary.

Signed by Order of the Lace Finishing Trade Board.

*Board of Trade,
7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.*

THE PITWOOD ORDER, 1918.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Pitwood Order, 1918, notice is hereby given, that as and from the 17th day of February, 1919, the maximum prices at which Pitwood imported from outside the United Kingdom may be bought or sold or offered for sale or purchase in the United Kingdom shall be as follows:—

(1) Pitprops cut to lengths delivered on rail at mine sidings or, failing rail connection, at mine premises:—

	s.	d.	
3½ inches ...	33	0	per 100 lineal feet.
4 " ...	42	6	" " "
4½ " ...	50	9	" " "
5 " ...	60	0	" " "
5½ " ...	73	6	" " "
6 " ...	88	0	" " "
6½ " ...	101	6	" " "
7 " ...	120	0	" " "

Terms 2½ per cent. discount on usual monthly account.

(2) Pitwood imported from France, Portugal, or Spain, delivered ex ship at South Wales Ports, 60s. per ton for hardwood and 65s. per ton for softwood.

Dated 28th day of January, 1919.

J. B. Ball,
Controller of Timber Supplies.