

BECKETT HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
MEANWOOD, NR. LEEDS.

*Resignation of Certificate.*

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that the Managers of the Beckett Home Industrial School, Meanwood, nr. Leeds, have resigned the Certificate granted under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, in respect of the School.

Whitehall,

13th May, 1920.

*Downing Street,*

11th May, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of George William Paterson, Esq. (Colonial Surgeon), to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Grenada.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

BUTTON-MAKING TRADE BOARD  
(GREAT BRITAIN).

PROPOSAL TO FIX GENERAL MINIMUM PIECE-RATES AND A PIECE-WORK BASIS TIME-RATE FOR FEMALE HOME-WORKERS.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October, 1918, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, for the Button-Making Trade, as specified in the Trade Boards (Button-Making) Order, 1919, hereby give notice as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they propose to fix General Minimum Piece-Rates and a Piece-work Basis Time-Rate for Female Home-Workers as shown in the Schedule set out below.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

*Proposed General Minimum Piece-Rates for Female Home-Workers.*

Carding Linen Buttons and Metal  
Trousers Buttons.

1. For cards containing not more than 1½ dozen buttons per card, 12s. 6d. per 100 gross of buttons, for workers to and from whose homes work is delivered and collected by the employer; 13s. 3d. per 100 gross of buttons for workers collecting work from and delivering work to the factory, workshop, or warehouse.

2. For cards containing more than 1½ dozen buttons per card:—

(a) Covered-back buttons, 10s. 9d. per 100 gross of buttons for workers to and from whose homes work is delivered and collected by the employer; 11s. 6d. per 100 gross of buttons for workers collecting work from and delivering work to the factory, workshop, or warehouse.

(b) Open-back buttons, 10s. 3d. per 100 gross of buttons for workers to and from whose homes work is delivered and collected by the employer; 11s. per 100 gross of buttons for workers collecting work from and delivering work to the factory, workshop, or warehouse.

The General Minimum Piece-Rates set out above apply to the actual workers and not to the Middlewomen or Middlemen, and shall be paid on the basis that the employer provides the cotton for sewing the buttons.

PART II.

*Proposed Piece-Work Basis Time-Rate for Certain Classes of Female Home-Workers.*

For all Female Home-workers, other than those employed on carding linen buttons and metal trouser buttons, 8½d. per hour.

In the case of all Female Home-Workers employed on Piece-work, to whom the proposed General Minimum Piece-Rates do not apply, each Piece-Rate paid must be such as would yield in the circumstances of the case not less than 8½d. per hour to an ordinary worker.

PART III.

For the purpose of this Notice the expression "Home-worker" shall be held to mean a worker who works in her own home or in any other place not under the control or management of the employer.

PART IV.

The above proposed General Minimum Piece-Rates and Piece-work Basis Time-Rate shall apply, subject to the provisions of the Trade Boards Acts, and of this Notice to all female home-workers who are employed during the whole or any part of their time in any branch of the Trade specified in the Trade Boards (Button Making) Order, 1919, that is to say:—

The manufacture of buttons, button moulds, upholsterers' button-headed nails (excluding the shanks), from any material by the processes of cutting, sawing, stamping, pressing, turning, drilling, fancying, grinding, barrelling, polishing, japanning, lacquering, dyeing, colouring, painting, varnishing, sewing, crocheting, or the covering of button moulds; including:—

(a) The manufacture of studs, links, or parts thereof, from any material other than metal, where such manufacture is carried on in association with or in conjunction with button making, so as to provide a common or interchangeable form of employment for workers;

(b) The manufacture of shanks for buttons where carried on in association with or in conjunction with button making;

(c) The carding of any of the above articles, wherever carried on;

(d) All despatching, packing, warehousing, or other operations incidental to or appertaining to the manufacture of any of the above articles; but excluding:

(e) The manufacture of wooden button moulds;

(f) The covering of button moulds where carried on in association with or in conjunction with the making of wearing apparel.

PART V.

SECTION I.—The above proposed Minimum Rates of Wages shall be paid clear of all deductions, other than deductions under the National Insurance Act, 1911, as amended by any subsequent enactments, or deductions authorised by any Act to be made from wages in respect of contributions to any superannuation or other provident fund.