Factory Department, Home Office, October 24, 1921.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. H. Wickham, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Rufford, in the county of Lancaster, is vacant.

> Factory Department, Home Office, October 24, 1921.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. W. R. Pirie to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Preston, West district of the county of Lancaster.

> Factory Department, Home Office, October 24, 1921.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. D. Wall to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Hoo district of the county of Kent.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918. FLAX AND HEMP TRADE BOARD (GREAT BRITAIN).

MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS, EFFECTIVE AS FROM 24TH Остовек, 1921.

Should this date not correspond with the beginning of the period for which wages are paid by an employer who pays wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, the rates shall become effective as from the beginning of the next full-pay period, but in any case not later than 30th October, 1921.

General Minimum Time-Rates.

Female Workers.

Spinners and Card-cutters of 18 years of

age and over, 32s. per week.
Weavers, Winders and Warpers of 18 years of age and over, 32s. per week.

All other Female Workers of 18 years of age and over (except Learners), 28s. per week.

Learners (as defined in Section III (iv) of Part I of the Schedule below), see Part I, Section III below.

Workers under 18 years of age (other than Learners). See Part I, Section IV below.

Male Workers.

Tenters of 21 years of age and over with a recognised full charge, 63s. per week.

Under-Tenters of 21 years of age and over. See Part III, Section II, below.

Dressers, Mounters, Card-cutters Hacklers (Hand-Dressers) of 21 years of age and over, 58s. 6d. per week.

All other Male Workers of 21 years of age

and over, 48s. 6d. per week.

Workers under 21 years of age. See Part

III, Section IV, below.
(Note.—For definition of term "week" see Part V of the Schedule below.)

Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates.

Female Workers of all ages, 8d. per hour. Male Hose-pipe Weavers employed on power or hand looms, 1s. 4d. per hour.

General Minimum Piece-Rates.

Male Canvas Weavers. (See Part VI below.)

Overtime Rates.

See Part VII of the Schedule below. The Rates in full as legally enforceable are set out in detail in the Schedule below: -

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

General Minimum Time-Rates for Female Workers.

Section I.—For Spinners and Card-cutters of 18 years of age and over, 32s. per week.

Section II.—For Weavers, Winders and Warpers of 18 years of age and over, 32s. per week.

Section III.—For Learners (as defined in Sub-Section (iv) of this Section):-

(i) Learners employed in Weaving, Warp-Winding or Spinning:-

Workers commencing learnership at:-18 years of age and over, 24s. per week.

17 and under 18 years of age, 20s. per week.

16 and under 17 years of age, 16s. per

15 and under 16 years of age, 12s. per

Provided that the above General Minimum Time-Rates for Learners shall be payable only in respect of one period of learnership not exceeding six months.

(ii) Learners employed cutting:

Workers commencing learnership at:-

18 years of age and over, 24s. per week during first six months of employment as Learners; 26s. per week during second six months of employment as Learners.

17 and under 18 years of age, 20s per week during first six months of employment as Learners; 22s per week during second six months of employment as Learners.

16 and under 17 years of age, 16s. per week during first six months of employment as Learners; 18s. per week during second six months of employment as Learners.

15 and under 16 years of age, 12s. per week during first six months of employment as Learners; 14s. per week during second six months of employment as Learners.

Provided that the above General Minimum Time-Rates for Learners shall be payable only in respect of one period of learnership not exceeding twelve months.

(iii) A Learner who has completed any one of the periods of learnership specified in Sub-Sections (i) or (ii) of this Section shall cease to be regarded as a Learner, and shall receive not less than the appropriate General Minimum Time-Rate for workers other than Learners.