Notice is hereby given, that C. G. Mitchell, Esquire, B.Sc., A.M.Inst.C.E., one of the Inspectors of the Ministry of Transport, will attend at the Guildhall, Westminster. on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of October, 1923, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to hold a Local Inquiry into the subject-matter of the said application.

And notice is hereby further given, that any persons interested may attend such Inquiry, and be heard with reference to the said application: provided that no person shall be entitled to be heard at the Inquiry unless he has on or before the sixth day of October, 1923, sent a notice in writing to the Minister of his desire to be heard at the Inquiry.

(Sgd.) H. H. Piggott,

Assistant Secretary.

Roads Department, Ministry of Transport.

15th September, 1923.

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.)

LANCASHIRE (FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE) ORDER OF 1923 (No. 4).

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1922, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Meaning of Terms. .

- 1 In this Order:-
- "The Prohibited Area" means the Area in which the movement of animals is hereby prohibited;
- "The Controlled Area" means the Area in which the movement of animals is hereby controlled.

The Prohibited Area and the Controlled Area are described in the Schedule hereto. If any farm (excluding any detached part) is partly within and partly outside the Prohibited Area, the whole shall be deemed to be within that Area. Subject to this provision, if any farm (excluding any detached part) is partly within and partly outside a Controlled Area, the whole shall be deemed to be within the Controlled Area;

- "Animals" means cattle, sheep, goats and pigs;
- "Slaughterhouse" means premises used habitually and solely for the purpose of slaughtering animals, but does not include a slaughterhouse which forms part of a farm.

Restrictions in Force in the Prohibited Area

2.—(a) No animals shall be moved into or out of the Prohibited Area, except as provided in the next following article;

- (b) No animals shall be moved along or across any road or other highway, or by water, within the Prohibited Area, or be permitted by the owner or person in charge thereof to stray upon any such road or highway;
- (c) No market, sale or exhibition of animals shall be held in the Prohibited Area;
- (d) No slaughterhouse manure or refuse shall be moved out of the Prohibited Area or be brought into contact with animals in the Prohibited Area;
- (e) The landing of animals at the approved landing place at the port of Fleetwood is hereby prohibited.

Provision for Movement of Animals into Prohibited Area for Immediate Slaughter.

- 3 Animals may be moved from premises outside the Prohibited Area and Controlled Area to which this Order applies to a slaughter-house in any borough or urban district in the Prohibited Area, subject to the following conditions:—
- (i) A Licence authorising the movement must be obtained from an Inspector of the Local Authority of the destination before the movement commences. This licence must accompany the animals throughout the whole movement;
 - (ii) The animals must be put on rail at a station outside the Controlled Area, and be moved by railway without being untrucked within the Prohibited Area until arrival at the railway station nearest to the place of destination: provided that where the distance from the railway station in the Area to the place of destination is greater than the distance to be covered within the Area if the movement were to take place by road, the Inspector granting the licence may specify therein any other route if he thinks it desirable, and may require the animals to be moved by float.

Restrictions in Force in the Controlled Area.

- 4.—(a) No animal shall be moved out of the Controlled Area;
- (b) No animal shall be moved without a licence under Articles 3 or 5 of this Order:—
 - (i) Into the Controlled Area; or
 - (ii) along or across any road or other highway or by water within the Controlled Area;
- (c) No animal shall be permitted by the owner or person in charge thereof to stray upon any road or other highway in the Controlled Area:
- (d) No market, sale or exhibition of animals shall be held in the Controlled Area; except a market or sale for fat animals intended for immediate slaughter or a sale of animals on farm premises. A licence must be obtained from the Local Authority to hold any such market or sale, and a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority shall attend and examine the animals exposed thereat;
- (e) No slaughterhouse manure or refuse shall be moved out of the Controlled Area or be brought into contact with animals in such Area.