Factory Department, Home Office, December 31, 1923.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. McCarthy an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Oakengates, in the County of Salop, is vacant.

Downing Street, 31st December, 1923.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of James Glover-Addo, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Gold Coast Colony.

Downing Street, 17th December, 1923.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by John James Maclaren, Esq., lately a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada.

> Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W. 1. 28th December, 1923.

The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased, by warrant under his hand and seal, bearing date the 28th instant, to appoint Mr. Andrew Crawford to be Sheriff Clerk of Ayrshire in the room of Mr. William Smith Neill Patrick deceased.

H.M. (12)

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

HAT, CAP AND MILLINERY TRADE BOARD (ENGLAND AND WALES).

MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR FEMALE WORKERS as VARIED and made EFFECTIVE from 31st December, 1923;* together with Minimum Rates of Wages for MALE and FEMALE WORKERS which are not affected by the variation and which remain in operation.

The Schedule to this Notice sets out: -

- (a) The General Minimum Time-Rates for Female Workers (other than Learners) and Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates for all Female Workers, and the Overtime Rates based thereon, as varied by the Trade Board and confirmed by an Order of the Minister of Labour specifying the 31st day of December, 1923,* as the date from which such rates should become effective, AND
- (b) The General Minimum Time-Rates for Female Learners, and Overtime Rates based thereon, and the General Minimum Time-Rates and Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates, and the Overtime Rates based thereon, for all classes of Male Workers set out in the Trade Board's Notice H.M. (10) dated 9th November, 1922, which are unaffected by the variation.

The General Minimum Time-Rates and Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates marked §, and the Overtime Rates based thereon, are effective as from 31st December, 1923.* The General Minimum Time-Rates marked †, and the Overtime Rates based thereon, are effective as from 13th November, 1922. In all other cases, the Minimum Rates of Wages are effective as from 20th February, 1922.

* Note.—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 no case later than 6th January, 1924.

This Notice takes the place of all Notices previously issued by the Trade Board fixing or varying minimum rates of wages.

Per hour.

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GENERAL MINIMUM TIME-RATES.	s.	d.
MALE CUTTERS (including PRESS-CUTTERS and LINING-CUTTERS) or BLOCKERS		
in the Cloth Hat and Cap Section of the Trade	1	õ
MALE WORKERS of the classes defined in Part I, Section I B, of the Schedule		
below who are employed in the STRAW HAT SECTION of the Trade	1	õ
'All other Male Workers of 22 years of age or over	1	1
Male Workers under 22 years of age, according to age. (See Part I, Section I D, of the Schedule below.)		
FEMALE WORKERS OTHER THAN LEARNERS:—		
(a) Workers other than Home-workers		7
(b) Home-Workers		7
Female Learners employed under the conditions laid down by the Trade Board. (See Part I, Section III, of the Schedule below.)		