the 15th September, 1924, as the final date by which

- (a) Proofs by British nationals to whom an extension of time may be granted under the second paragraph of the rule issued by me dated the fifth February, 1923, in respect of debts due to them by Austrian nationals or of pecuniary obligations of the Austrian Government under Article 248 of the Treaty of Saint Germain-en-Laye;
- (b) Claims by British nationals against the Austrian Government with the payment of which the property rights and interests within His Majesty's Dominions or Protectorates belonging to nationals of the former Austrian Empire at the date when the said Treaty came into force (not being property rights or interests acquired under any general licence issued by or on behalf of His Majesty) and the net proceeds of their sale, liquidation or other dealings therewith are charged by Article 1 (ix) of the above mentioned Orders in Council

must be made upon the prescribed Forms and lodged with this Department, in order to rank for payment of the fourth dividend to be declared by me out of the funds in my hands arising from the liquidation of the above mentioned property rights and interests belonging to nationals of the former Austrian Empire, or received by me from the Austrian Clearing Office, under paragraph 11 of the Annex to Article 248 of the above mentioned Treaty, in pursuance of the Note of His Majesty's Government to the Austrian Government of the 27th August, 1920, published in the London Gazette of the 15th October, 1920 (No. 32086), or arising out of any other available property.

E. S. Grey,

Administrator.

I approve,

Sidney Webb,

President of the Board of Trade.

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

PROPOSAL TO VARY AND FIX MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour and dated respectively 31st October, 1918, and 1st August, 1922, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the Trade Boards (Fur) Order, 1919, hereby give notice as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they propose to vary and fix General Minimum Piece-Rates for Male and Female Workers in substitution for the General Minimum Piece-Rates set out in the Schedule to the Trade Board's Notice, Z(9) dated 12th November, 1920, and to vary (the Minister of Labour having given his consent to such notice being given) certain of the minimum rates of wages set out in their Notice Z.(14) dated 12th April, 1924.

Information in respect of the Trade Board's proposals may be obtained on application to

the Secretary of the Trade Board at the address given below.

The Trade Board will consider any objections to the above proposals which may be lodged with them within two months from the 22nd day of August, 1924. Such objections should be in writing and signed by the person making the same (adding his or her full name and address), and should be sent to the Secretary of the Fur Trade Board (Great Britain), 1, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

It is desirable that the objections should state precisely and, so far as possible, with reasons, what is objected to.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 1924.

Signed by Order of the Trade Board.

F. Popplewell,

Secretary.

Office of Trade Boards, 1, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

## MINES AND QUARRIES.

Inspection Divisions.

The Mines and Quarries (Inspection Divisions) Order, 1924, dated the 12th day of August, 1924, made by the Board of Trade under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them, under the provisions of the Mining Industry Act, 1920, by the Coal Mines Act, 1911, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, the Board of Trade hereby order as follows:—

1. For the purposes of inspection under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, Great Britain shall be divided into eight Divisions, entitled and constituted respectively as herein provided, that is to say,

No. 1 or Scotland Division, consisting of the whole of Scotland.

No. 2 or Northern Division, consisting of the Counties of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, the North Riding of the County of York, the detached part of the County of Lancaster north of Morecambe Bay, and the Isle of Man.

No. 3 or Yorkshire Division, consisting of the East and West Ridings of the County of York (except that portion of the West Riding which was transferred for administrative purposes from the County of Lancaster by the Local Government Act, 1888, 51 & 52 Vict. c. 41).

No. 4 or North Midland Division, consisting of the Counties of Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Nottingham.

No. 5 or Lancashire and North Wales Division, consisting of the County of Lancaster (except the detached part north of Morecambe Bay); the area which was transferred for administrative purposes from the