COST OF LIVING CLAUSES.

4. Each COST OF LIVING period referred to in Columns I to IX inclusive of paragraph 1 of this Notice is a period from the first day of the month following the publication in "The Ministry of Labour Gazette" of a COST OF LIVING figure (as defined in paragraph 5 below), within the range of percentages specified in the appropriate column, until the first day of the month following the publication of a figure within the range specified in another column.

Provided that in cases where the first day of the month does not coincide with the beginning of the weekly pay period, the COST OF LIVING period shall begin or end as the case may be at the beginning of the next following weekly pay period.

- 5. The Cost of Living figure specified in this Notice is:—the average percentage increase since July, 1914, in retail prices (all items) in the United Kingdom as published each month in "The Ministry of Labour Gazette."
- 6. The minimum rates set out in this Notice are operative only during the several periods specified, or until such time as the cancellation or variation thereof may become effective.
- 7. The rates payable on the date specified by the Minister of Labour as the date from which the minimum rates set out in this Notice become effective, viz., 12th January, 1925, are the rates set out in Column II of paragraph 1 of this Notice.

GENERAL.

- 8. The Minimum Rates of Wages set out in this Notice apply, subject to the provisions of the Trade Boards Acts, to all piece-workers in Great Britain employed on work specified in this Notice in respect of all time during which they are employed in any branch of the trade specified in the Trade Boards (Boot and Shoe Repairing) Order, 1919, namely, "The Boot and Shoe Repairing Trade, that is to say, the repairing, wherever carried on, of boots, shoes, slippers, and all kinds of leather footwear, INCLUDING the making of bespoke handsewn, rivetted, or pegged leather footwear, but EXCLUDING the manufacture of the state of th facture of leather footwear on a large scale, the repairing of saddlery and leather goods other than leather footwear, and the retailing of leather footwear.
- 9. The above Minimum Rates must 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.
- 10. The Minimum Rates set out in this Notice do not prevent the payment of higher rates of wages by agreement or otherwise.

Signed by Order of the Trade Board and in pursuance of an Order of the Minister of Labour confirming the Minimum Rates as Fixed and as Varied for the periods specified, as set out in this Notice, and specifying the dates provided in this Notice as the dates from which the respective Minimum Rates shall become effective.

This 10th January, 1925.

F. POPPLEWELL,

Secretary.

Office of Trade Boards,

1, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1.

NOTE.—The appropriate Percentage Reduction, determined in accordance with the provisions of this Notice, on the day specified by the Minister of Labour as the date from which the minimum rates become effective viz., 12th January, 1925, is that set out in Column II of Paragraph 1 of this Notice.

Notification will be sent to all known employers in the trade when an alteration in the "Cost of Living" Figure necessitates a change in the minimum rates.

Admiralty, 8th January, 1925.

Lieut.-Comdr. R. Godsell placed on Retd. List at own request. 6th Jan. 1925.

Lieut.-Comdr. (retd.) H. V. M. McHardy to be Comdr. (retd.). 2nd Jan. 1925. Cd. Gnr. Norman Hill placed on Retd. List.

3rd Dec. 1924.

Admiralty, 9th January, 1925.

R.N.

Rev. Harold Arthur Cottrell to be Chaplain. 9th Jan. 1925.

Engr. Rear-Admiral J. Mountefield, C.B.E., placed on Retd. List at own request. 1st Jan. 1925.