

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) ACT, 1934.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have renewed for a further term of twelve months two Prospecting Licences granted under the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, and the Petroleum (Production) Regulations, 1935, to the D'Arcy Exploration Company Limited, of Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2. The areas concerned consist of (1) one licensed area in the Counties of Dorset, Wilts. and Southampton covering about 177 square miles and including the village of Downton, and (2) one licensed area in the Counties of Midlothian and East Lothian covering about 71 square miles and including the town of Dalkeith.

The Board of Trade also give notice of the expiry of two Prospecting Licences granted under the above Act and Regulations, to the D'Arcy Exploration Company Limited. The areas concerned consist of two contiguous licensed areas which covered about 371 square miles of the County of Sussex and included the towns of Lewes and Steyning.

Descriptions of the boundaries of all these areas were published in the London Gazette on Friday, the 20th December, 1935, and in addition those of area (2) in the Edinburgh Gazette of the same date. Maps of the areas can be inspected on application to the Petroleum Department, Dean Stanley Street, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.
20th December, 1938.

*Amendments of Scheme approved on
15th December, 1938.*

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

THE FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME, 1930.

Whereas in pursuance of Clause 31 of the Forest of Dean District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, amendments of the said Scheme as set out in the Schedule hereto have been submitted to the Board of Trade by the Executive Board elected under the provisions of the said Scheme:

Now therefore the Board of Trade, under the provisions of the said Clause and of subsection (5) of Section I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, hereby approve the said amendments and prescribe the 17th December, 1938, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force.

Harry Crookshank,
Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.
15th December, 1938.

SCHEDULE.

The Forest of Dean District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, shall be amended in the following manner:—

1. Clause 52 shall have effect as if—

(a) for sub-clause (4) thereof there were substituted the following sub-clause, that is to say:—

“(4) Unless otherwise agreed by the owner thereof the Board shall take in each quarter from each coal mine a tonnage of coal at least equal to 90 per cent. of the trade share of that coal mine. So far as practicable the Board shall not take from any coal mine in any quarter a tonnage of coal more than 20 per cent. greater than the trade share of coal of that coal mine:

Provided that the Board may with the consent of the owner thereof take a greater tonnage of coal from any coal mine in order to meet a demand that cannot reasonably be satisfied by coal from another coal mine (not being a coal mine from which the Board have taken a tonnage of coal 20 per cent. greater than the trade share thereof).” and

(b) in sub-clause (6) thereof for the words “the rate of 2s. 6d. (two shillings and sixpence) per ton” there were substituted the words, “such rate that the aggregate of the sums so debited in respect of any quarter is equal to the aggregate of the sums credited to the owners in respect of that quarter under the last preceding sub-clause, other than sums so credited as supplementary compensation”.

2. Clause 55 shall have effect as if the following sub-clause were added at the end thereof, that is to say:—

“(9) The Board shall have power on the application of the owner or otherwise to fix a composite purchase price in respect of two or more commercial descriptions of coal supplied by him.”

War Office,
20th December, 1938.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj.-Gen. A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., retires on ret. pay. 10th Dec. 1938.

Lt.-Col. H. Price-Williams, D.S.O., M.C., from R.A., to be Col. 5th Dec. 1938, with seniority 1st July 1938.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned relinquish their appts.:—

Maj.-Gen. A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., as G.O.C., The British Troops in China. 10th Dec. 1938.

Maj. E. Temple, R.A., as D.A.A. & Q.M.G., E. Anglian Area. 10th Dec. 1938.

Maj. W. Porter, R.E., as G.S.O. 2nd Grade, War Office. 12th Dec. 1938.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

Col. (temp. Brig.) R. M. Wootten, M.C., A.D.C., from Asst. Dir., T.A., to be Dep. Dir., T.A., War Office, 1st Dec. 1938, and retains the temp. rank of Brig. whilst so empd.