

Buildings, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise grounds of their objections.

G. H. Tregear, Secretary.

11th May, 1939.

*Amendments of Scheme approved on
6th May, 1939.*

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND DISTRICT (COAL MINES)
SCHEME, 1930.

Whereas in pursuance of Clause 32 of the Northumberland 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 8th day of May, 1939, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force.

Geoffrey Lloyd,

Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.
6th May, 1939.

SCHEDULE.

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

1. Clause 2 shall have effect as if the definitions of "Independent Chairman" and "Deputy Independent Chairman" were omitted.

2. Clause 16 shall have effect as if for the words "Independent Chairman and Deputy Independent Chairman" there were substituted the words "Chairman of the Sales Committee."

3. For Clauses 34 to 42 inclusive there shall be substituted the following Clauses, that is to say:—

" 34. The Sales Committee shall consist of a Chairman and not more than seven other members.

35. The Chairman shall be appointed by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members of the Board present and voting.

36. The Chairman of the Sales Committee shall hold office on such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Board.

37. The Chairman of the Sales Committee shall within three months after his appointment sell or dispose of any interest or shares or securities which he may hold in his own name or in the name of a nominee for his own benefit, in any undertaking carrying

on in Great Britain the business of coal mining, or supplying coal, or the manufacture or sale of by-products of coal or machinery or plant for coal mining. He shall not acquire for his own benefit any interest or shares or securities in any such undertaking, and if under any will or succession or otherwise he becomes entitled for his own benefit to any interest or shares or securities in any such undertaking, he shall sell or dispose of it or them within three months after he has become entitled thereto.

38. The Chairman of the Sales Committee shall forthwith vacate office if he shall be disqualified by reason of any of the matters referred to in Clause 45, or if he shall fail to comply with the provisions of Clause 37.

39. The Chairman of the Sales Committee shall sit with and preside over all meetings of the Sales Committee unless given leave of absence by the Board or prevented by illness from doing so.

40. On any question for decision of the Sales Committee at a Meeting at which the Chairman is present his decision if he disagrees with all or any of the other members of the Sales Committee shall prevail and shall be the decision of the Sales Committee."

4. Clause 43 shall have effect as if

(a) for the words "Chairman, Vice-Chairman and five other members of the Sales Committee" there were substituted the words "members of the Sales Committee other than the Chairman";

(b) for the word "shall," where that word appears for the last time, there were substituted the word "may"; and

(c) at the end thereof there were added the words "The Sales Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy therein."

5. Clause 44 shall have effect as if for the words "Independent Chairman and Deputy Independent Chairman" there were substituted the word "Chairman."

6. Clause 45 shall have effect as if in paragraph (c) thereof for the words "Independent Chairman or Deputy Independent Chairman" there were substituted the word "Chairman."

7. Clause 47 shall have effect as if

(a) for the words "Three members present shall be a quorum at any meeting" there were substituted the words "Three members present (of whom the Chairman shall, unless given leave of absence by the Board or prevented from attending by illness, be one) shall be a quorum at any meeting"; and

(b) the word "Independent" were omitted.

8. For Clauses 48 and 49 there shall be substituted the following Clause, that is to say:—

" 48. At all meetings of the Sales Committee the Chairman shall preside but if at any meeting the Chairman is absent with leave of absence of the Board or through illness the members present shall choose one of their number to take the chair at such meeting, who whenever the voting on any resolution is equal, shall have a second or casting vote."