

three months the sum of Three Hundred Pounds.

2. All persons engaged in the purchase or sale of Standing Timber shall furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required from time to time by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

3. This Order may be cited as The Standing Timber (United Kingdom) Order, 1917.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

4th July 1917.

THE HOME-GROWN TIMBER PRICES (GREAT BRITAIN) ORDER, 1917.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby order as follows:—

1. From the date hereof and until further notice no person shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies, sell any Timber grown in Great Britain of the descriptions set out in the Schedule hereto annexed at prices exceeding the prices set out in the said Schedule, or such other prices as in any particular case may be allowed by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

2. All persons engaged in the purchase or sale of converted Timber, including pitwood, grown in Great Britain shall furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required from time to time by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

3. This Order may be cited as the Home-Grown Timber Prices (Great Britain) Order, 1917.

By Order of the Army Council,

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SCHEDULE.

	Spruce or Scots Fir.	Larch.
	Per Cubic Foot.	Per Cubic Foot.
DEALS AND BATTENS—		
In sizes of 2 in. by 2 in. to 4 in. by 9 in., averaging 11 ft. long	3s.	3s. 6d.
BOARDS (averaging 7 in. wide)—		
Thicknesses, under $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	4s.	4s. 6d.
„ $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in. inclusive	3s. 6d.	4s.
„ over 1 in. to $1\frac{7}{8}$ in. inclusive	3s. 3d.	3s. 9d.
TIMBER (over 4 in. thick, averaging 11 ft. long)	3s. 9d.	4s. 3d.
PLANKING (over 9 in. wide, averaging 11 ft. long)		
SLEEPERS (either Spruce, Scots Fir, or Larch, 9 ft. long, 10 in. by 5 in.)		
8 in. face at 7s. 6d. each.		
7 in. face at 7s. each.		
5 in. face at 6s. 3d. each.		

The above prices are for Timber delivered free on rail at Loading Station, and are subject to customary discount for payment in one month.

War Office,

5th July 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Man:—

2nd Lieutenant (acting Captain) Arthur Henderson, M.C., late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

For most conspicuous bravery.

During an attack on the enemy trenches this officer, although almost immediately wounded in the left arm, led his Company through the front enemy line until he gained his final objective.

He then proceeded to consolidate his position, which, owing to heavy gun and machine gun fire and bombing attacks, was in danger of being isolated.

By his cheerful courage and coolness he was enabled to maintain the spirit of his men under most trying conditions.

Captain Henderson was killed after he had successfully accomplished his task.

No. 18233 Pte. John Readitt, South Lancashire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when working down a broad, deep water-course.

Five times he went forward in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire at very close range, being the sole survivor on each occasion. These advances drove back the enemy machine guns, and about 300 yards of water-course was made good in an hour.

After his officer had been killed Private Readitt, on his own initiative, organised and made several more advances.

On reaching the enemy barricade, he was forced by a counter-attack to retire, giving ground slowly and continuing to throw bombs. On supports reaching him, he held a forward bend by bombing until the position was consolidated.

The action of this gallant soldier saved the left flank and enabled his Battalion to maintain its position.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Cross to the undermentioned Officers, in recognition of their conspicuous gallantry in attacking and destroying an enemy airship:—

Capt. Robert Henry Magnus Spencer Saundby, R. Warwickshire Regt., and R.F. Corps.

2nd Lt. Loudon Pierce Watkins, Canadian Local Forces and R.F. Corps.