

Rath, with the assistance of Knoulton and Abbott, lifted him from the plane to the inside of the mast and lowered him to the ground.

The three men were very well aware of the damaged and insecure condition of the mast, which was bent to an angle where the seaplane had become wedged. One of the three supports of the mast was fractured, and, so far as the men knew, the mast or seaplane might at any time have collapsed.

Ministry of Munitions,

14th December 1917.

ORDER.

CONTROL OF FLAX SEED FOR SOWING IN OR IN COURSE OF TRANSIT TO IRELAND.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and all other powers thereunto enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

1. No sale of Flax Seed for sowing shall without a permit, issued by or on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, be made by a wholesale dealer to a wholesale dealer, by a retail dealer to a retail dealer, or by a farmer to a retail or wholesale dealer.

2. No person shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, make or take delivery of any Flax Seed for sowing for shipment from Ireland.

3. No wholesale dealer shall sell or deliver any Flax Seed for sowing to a retail dealer at a price exceeding the actual cost price of such seed to the said wholesale dealer by more than 7s. 6d. per bag of 182 lbs., together with the actual cost of transport and an allowance in respect of such actual and necessary charges as may be approved by or on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, provided that no allowance shall be made in respect of commission paid or payable to agents in Ireland.

4. No retail dealer shall sell or deliver any Flax Seed for sowing to a farmer at a price exceeding the actual cost price of such seed to the said retail dealer by more than 10s. per bag of 182 lbs.

5. Every retail dealer shall so long as he shall have any Flax Seed for sowing on sale display prominently at the shop or other place of sale a statement or statements showing the prices at which he is selling such Flax Seed at such shop or place, and when he is selling different lots of Flax Seed for sowing at different prices the statement or statements shall be in such form or shall be so displayed as to show clearly which are the prices for each lot.

6. All persons engaged in any of the transactions herein referred to shall furnish such particulars as to his business as may be required by or on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, verified as may be directed by the said Department.

7. In this Order the expression "Flax Seed for sowing" shall mean such Flax Seed now or hereafter situated in or in course of transit to Ireland, and shall include all such seed capable of being sown for fibre, and the expressions

"wholesale dealer," "retail dealer," and "farmer" shall mean any person carrying on business in Ireland as a wholesale dealer, retail dealer, or farmer, as the case may be.

8. This Order may be cited as the Sale of Flax Seed (Ireland) Order, 1917.

Ministry of Munitions of War,

14th December 1917.

ORDER AMENDING THE ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS OF THE 20TH NOVEMBER 1916, AS TO CONTROL OF STEEL SUPPLIES.

Whereas the Minister of Munitions is desirous of extending the provisions of the Order made by him as to the control of certain classes of steel dated the 20th November 1916, to steel in Shell Discard Quality and Steel made by Electrical Process, and of varying the said Order in manner hereinafter appearing.

Now, the Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

1. As from the date hereof the said Order of the 20th November 1916 shall operate and take effect as if the following were omitted therefrom, namely:—

(a) The words "(other than Shell Discard Quality)" in clause 1.

(b) The words "other than Shell Discard quality," in clause 7.

(c) The words "except those in Shell Discard quality which may be rolled for all classes" in clause 9.

(d) Clauses 11 and 12, and

(e) The words "except in Shell Discard quality" in clause 15—

and as if the following were inserted therein, namely:—

(a) The words "or Electrical" immediately after the word "Bessemer" in clause 1, and

(b) The words "and Steel made by Electrical Process," immediately after the words "Bessemer Steel" in clause 18.

2. This Order may be cited as the Control of Steel Supplies (Amendment) Order, 1917.

War Office,

12th December 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

FELLMONGERS (IRELAND) 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) No person shall, after the 31st day of December 1917, Fellmonger the skins of Sheep or Lambs slaughtered in Ireland, except under a permit granted by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials.

(2) This Order may be cited as "Fellmongers (Ireland) Order, 1917."

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.