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TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1918.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

WITHDRAWING CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Sub-section (1) of Section three of the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, it is provided that His Majesty may, by Proclamation declaring that a national emergency has arisen, direct that any certificates of exemption, other than certificates expressed to be granted or renewed solely on the ground specified in paragraph (c), or on the ground specified in paragraph, (d) of Sub-section (1) of Section two of the Military Service Act, 1916, granted or renewed to any class or body of men specified in the Proclamation, or to men of any class or description so specified, shall, as from the date specified in the Proclamation cease to have effect, and all certificates to which the Proclamation applies shall as from that date cease to be in force :

And whereas by Sub-section (2) of Section three of the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, it is provided that while any such Proclamation remains in operation no application shall, except in so far as the Proclamation provides for the making of applications in any special cases, be entertained for the grant or renewal of the certificates mentioned in that Sub-section :

And whereas a national emergency has arisen :

Now, therefore, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Act and all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby direct that, as from the Twenty-fourth day of April 1918, the certificates of exemption from military service specified in the First Schedule to this Our Royal Proclamation shall cease to have effect :

And in pursuance of the powers aforesaid We do hereby further direct that, notwithstanding that this Our Royal Proclamation is in operation, applications for certificates of exemption may be made in the special cases and subject to the provisions specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

All certificates of exemption granted or renewed to men born in the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899 exclusive of :—

(1) Certificates held by men who pursuant to their last authorised medical examination are at the date of this Proclamation—

- (a) In medical category C 2, B 3 or C 3 or in Grade 3, or
- (b) In medical category B 1, B 2, B 3, C 1, C 2, or C 3, or in Grade 2 or Grade 3 if in their case they are at the date of this Proclamation whole time employed on a farm in farm work and are duly registered pursuant to the National Registration Acts 1915 and 1918, as being occupied on agricultural work.

(2) Certificates granted or renewed on