

them, by the Second Schedule of the Corn Production Act, 1917, the Board of Agriculture for Scotland hereby make the following regulations with respect to the tenure of office and procedure of a District Wages Committee (herein referred to as "the Committee") :—

1. The Committee first constituted shall, unless required to demit office under Section 3 of the Schedule, hold office until 31st December 1918, or until such later date as the Board of Agriculture may fix. On the expiry of the term so fixed a new Committee shall be constituted, whose term of office shall be fixed by the Board.

2. In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee, at least one-third of the whole number of members must be present. For this purpose the Chairman shall be reckoned as a member.

3. The Board of Agriculture may at any time determine the appointment of any member who, in their opinion, ceases to possess the necessary qualifications or fails without reasonable cause to attend at least one out of three consecutive meetings or to attend two-thirds of the total number of meetings in a calendar year.

4. If any casual vacancy occurs among the members of the Committee during its term of office, a new member of the Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Board, be chosen by the members of the group of representatives in which the vacancy has occurred. If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, a new Chairman shall be elected by the Committee, subject to the approval of the Board.

5. Any person vacating his seat on the Committee shall be eligible to be re-elected or re-appointed as a member of the Committee.

6. The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in their number or by any defect in the appointment, election, or nomination of any member.

7. Every member of the Committee, except the Chairman, shall have one vote. If at any meeting of the Committee the number of members present representing employers and workmen respectively is unequal, the side which is in the majority shall be required to arrange that one or more of their members shall refrain from voting, so as to preserve equality. If that side fail to make this arrangement by agreement among themselves, the Chairman may, by casting lots, decide which member or members of that side shall refrain from voting, or he may, if he thinks it desirable, adjourn the voting on any question to another meeting of the Committee. The Chairman shall, in the event of an equal division, decide the question as he thinks fit.

8. If at any meeting of the Committee the Chairman is absent, the members present shall elect from among themselves a Chairman for the meeting, who shall have a deliberative vote, but no power to decide the question in the event of an equal division. In that case the question shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

9. Any question as to the construction or interpretation of the Regulations may, for the purposes of the Meeting, be decided by the Chairman, but any member may require it to be referred for decision to the Board of Agriculture for future guidance.

10. A meeting of the Committee shall not be

open to the public, but a summary of its decisions shall be communicated by the Secretary to the Press. The Chairman or Secretary of the Central Committee or any one deputed by that Committee may, with the consent of the Chairman, attend any meeting thereof.

11. The Committee shall submit a copy of the Minutes of each meeting for information to the Central Committee and to the Board of Agriculture.

12. The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees, which may include persons who are not members of the Committee, and may refer any question to such a sub-committee for enquiry and report.

13. Any notice, finding or other instrument issued by the Committee shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman (or of two members of the Committee) and the Secretary. The Committee shall fix minimum rates of wages for time work within the district within a period of six months from the date of these Regulations, subject in the case of failure to the further procedure contained in paragraph 7 of the Second Schedule to the Act.

14. The notices regarding minimum rates of wages, required to be given by Section 5 of the Act, shall be given by insertion in the Edinburgh Gazette (except the notice of a proposal to fix a rate), and shall be communicated for advertisement to such newspapers circulating in the area affected as the Committee may think fit, subject to any directions the Board of Agriculture may issue.

15. When the Central Committee disallow a decision of a District Wages Committee fixing a minimum rate of wages, they shall without delay communicate their decision, with the reasons for it, to the District Wages Committee, who shall within 21 days reconsider their previous decision, and proceed anew to fix the minimum rate of wages, which has been disallowed by the Central Committee, and if within 21 days of the date on which the Central Committee receive notice of the rate so fixed they disallow the revised decision of the District Wages Committee, the District Wages Committee shall be held to have failed to fix the minimum rate of wage, and the Board shall thereupon, under Section 7 of the Second Schedule, refer the question of fixing such rate to the Central Committee.

16. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and to any Regulations made by the Board of Agriculture, the Committee may regulate their proceedings in such manner as they think fit.

Given under the Official Seal of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland this twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

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CHAS. WEATHERILL, Secretary.

Admiralty, 26th April 1918.

HONOURS FOR THE SUBMARINE SERVICE.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following decorations and medals to the undermentioned Officers and Men in recognition of distinguished services performed in difficult circumstances and during