Scottish Office, Whitehall, 12th November 1918.

THE King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 11th instant, to appoint James Mercer Irvine, Esquire, K.C., to be Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Renfrew and Bute in the room of Charles David Murray, Esquire, K.C., resigned.

[In substitution of Notice which appeared in Edinburgh Gazette of 12th November 1918]:—

Privy Council Office, 12th November 1918.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to His Majesty in Council the Drafts of two Orders in Council under the Representation of the People Act, 1918:

- (i) Making necessary provisions (a) under Section 21 (2); (b) with respect to forfeited deposits at University elections; and (c) as to registered electors who join the forces after the closing of the first Register; and
- (ii) prescribing (a) registration dates, etc., for the second Register to be prepared under the Act; and (b) substituting a new Form in lieu of the Form (A) now required to be filled in by householders and occupiers.

And Notice is hereby further given, that copies of the proposed Draft Orders in Council can be obtained by any Public Body in England and Wales, or in Ireland, from one of the undermentioned branches of His Majesty's Stationery Office, viz.:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C.; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 37 Peter Street, Manchester; Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin; or through any bookseller.

The Draft Orders have been published (i) as Statutory Rule and Order, No. 1464, and (ii) as a Provisional Rule and Order. The price of the Orders is 1d. each, or, including postage, 1½d.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE,

12th November 1918.

At a Meeting of the Privy Council held this day in the Council Chamber, Dublin Castle, The Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, The Right Honourable Mr. Justice Wylie, and the Right Honourable Mr. Justice Pim were sworn Lords Justices for the Government of Ireland during the absence of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

J. J. TAYLOR, Clerk of the Council. SILVER BULLION (MAXIMUM PRICE).

ORDER OF THE TREASURY FIXING A MAXIMUM PRICE FOR SILVER BULLION SOLD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by Regulation 30EEE of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby make the following Order:—

As from the date of this Order the maximum price for silver bullion in the United Kingdom shall be 48\frac{3}{4}d. per standard ounce.

The Order of the 20th August fixing a maximum price at $49\frac{1}{2}$ d. per standard ounce is hereby revoked.

James Parker,
J. Towyn Jones,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury.

Dated 13th November 1918.

CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917.

THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL WAGES COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF AYR.

NOTICE of an Order fixing Minimum Rates of Wages for Agricultural Workmen in the Area comprising the County of Ayr.

The District Agricultural Wages Committee for the County of Ayr, duly certified by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland under the Second Schedule of the Corn Production Act, 1917, hereby, in terms of Section 5 (4) of said Act and relative Regulation by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, give notice to the persons affected that they have fixed a minimum rate of wages payable for timework by workmen in Agriculture as defined in Section 17 (1) of the said Act, of the classes within the Area, and subject to the conditions or exceptions all as set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

- (a) Able-bodied men as defined under Section 5 (9) of Act and of the age of 18 years and over, 35s. per week.
- (b) Boys of 16 years but under 18 years, 24s. per week.
- (c) Boys of 14 years but under 16 years, 14s. per
- (d) Women of 16 years of age and over, $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per
- (e) Girls of 14 years but under 16 years, 2½d. per hour.

The Area of employment affected by the foregoing rates consists of the County of Ayr.

The District Agricultural Wages Committee have fixed the foregoing rates on the footing that the number of working hours is the number of hours customarily wrought in the district in which the workman is employed with a maximum of $57\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

If the Central Agricultural Wages Committee do not disallow the above minimum rates within