

*Whitehall, January 27, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Frederick James Willis, Esq., C.B., Assistant Secretary, Local Government Board, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Commander of the Order of Leopold, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in connection with Belgian refugees.

*Whitehall, January 27, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Henry Aufrère Leggett, Esq., O.B.E., and Christopher Foulis Roundell, Esq., O.B.E., of the Local Government Board, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Commander of the Order of the Crown, which Decoration has been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of valuable services rendered by them in connection with Belgian refugees.

#### COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 25th January 1919, he made an Order under Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, entitled "The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 25th January 1919." The effect of the Order is to add the explosives Samsonite No. 2 and Samsonite No. 3 to the permitted explosives named and defined in the First Schedule to the Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 1st September 1913.

Copies of the Order can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and 28 Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37 Peter Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from Messrs. E. Ponsouby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Home Office, Whitehall,  
28th January 1919.

#### DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

#### THE ANCHORS AND CHAIN CABLES ORDER, 1917.

##### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.

Notice is given by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that they have cancelled as from the date hereof the Anchors and Chain Cables Order made by them on the 27th day of September 1917. The Order was published in the Edinburgh Gazette dated the 5th of October 1917.

By command of their Lordships.

O. MURRAY.

Admiralty, S.W., 27th Jan. 1919.

*Board of Trade,  
7 Whitehall Gardens,  
London, S.W. 1.*

#### THE PITWOOD ORDER, 1918.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Pitwood Order, 1918, notice is hereby given, that as and from the 17th day of February 1919 the maximum prices at which Pitwood imported from outside the United Kingdom may be bought or sold or offered for sale or purchase in the United Kingdom shall be as follows:—

(1) Pitprops cut to lengths delivered on rail at mine sidings or, failing rail connection, at mine premises:—

	s.	d.	
3½ inches ...	33	0	per 100 lineal feet.
4 " ...	42	6	" " "
4½ " ...	50	9	" " "
5 " ...	60	0	" " "
5½ " ...	73	6	" " "
6 " ...	88	0	" " "
6½ " ...	101	6	" " "
7 " ...	120	0	" " "

Terms 2½ per cent. discount on usual monthly account.

(2) Pitwood imported from France, Portugal, or Spain, delivered ex ship at South Wales Ports, 60s. per ton for hardwood and 65s. per ton for softwood.

Dated 28th day of January, 1919.

J. B. BALL,  
Controller of Timber Supplies.

*War Office,  
23rd January 1919.*

#### ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

#### CANCELLATION OF THE ORDER PROHIBITING THE LIFTING OF HAY AND STRAW IN ENGLAND AND WALES IN SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO STRAW.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of all other powers thereunto enabling them, the Army Council hereby give notice that the Army Council Order dated the 30th day of July 1918, relative to the prohibition of the lifting and using of Hay and Straw in England and Wales is hereby cancelled in so far as it relates to all oat straw, wheat straw, rivet wheat straw, buckwheat straw, barley straw, mustard straw, rye straw, pea straw, bean straw and threshed tares in respect of which at the date this Order shall come into force no Purchase Note has been signed, and that all the above-mentioned Forage is hereby released: but this cancellation and release shall not affect the previous operation of the said Order or the validity of any action taken under the same or the liability to any penalty or punishment in respect of any contravention of or failure to comply with such Order before the date this Order shall come into force or any proceeding or remedy in respect of any such penalty or punishment: nor shall this cancellation and release affect the provisions of the Army Council Order dated the 20th day of August 1918, relative to the regulation of the sale of Hay and Straw and of Chopped Hay and Straw in England and Wales or of any Order amending that Order, which Order or Orders shall remain in force.