

WHEREAS an Order called the Retail Business (Licensing) Order, 1918, was made by the Director-General of National Service in pursuance of powers conferred upon him by Regulation 8AA of the Defence of the Realm Regulations;

And whereas the said Regulation was amended by an Order in Council dated the 30th day of May 1919, by the substitution of the Minister of Labour for the Director-General of National Service as the Authority to exercise power under the said Regulation;

And whereas an Order called the Retail Business (Licensing) Order, 1919, was made by the Minister of Labour in pursuance of powers conferred upon him by the said Regulation as so amended;

And whereas it is expedient that the said Orders shall cease to be in force;

Now, therefore, the Minister of Labour, in pur-

suance of all powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

- (1) The said Retail Business (Licensing) Order, 1918, and the said Retail Business (Licensing) Order, 1919, are hereby revoked.
- (2) This revocation shall not affect and shall be deemed not to have affected the previous operation of the said Orders or the validity of any action taken thereunder, or any penalty or punishment incurred in respect of any contravention or failure to comply with any provision of the said Orders or any proceeding or remedy in respect of any such penalty or punishment.
- (3) This Order shall come into force on the 31st day of December 1919, and may be cited as the Retail Business Licensing (Revocation) Order, 1919.

(Sgd.) D. J. SHACKLETON.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the Week ended 20th December 1919, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	89,223	0	72	6
Barley	...	...	...	96,624	2	103	6
Oats	...	...	...	18,952	3	56	3

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the Corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1912 to 1918.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1912 ...	32,632	1	61,849	4	12,343	1	29	10	28	6	19	2
1913 ...	64,804	5	95,587	7	18,845	2	31	0	25	10	18	4
1914 ...	64,161	0	95,217	1	32,576	4	43	3	29	9	25	11
1915 ...	80,026	3	50,432	4	32,702	7	53	10	47	2	30	7
1916 ...	73,341	4	111,733	6	32,985	6	74	8	67	3	46	5
1917 ...	80,148	6	89,776	4	20,422	4	71	1	57	7	44	2
1918 ...	68,714	4	86,476	7	11,865	4	72	4	62	3	50	5

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

R. J. THOMPSON, Assistant Secretary.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,
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