

on summary conviction in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding two pounds, and also to a fine not exceeding one pound for every day during which the default continues after conviction.

On any prosecution of a person for failing to pay wages at not less than the minimum rate, it shall lie on that person to prove that he has not paid wages at less than the minimum rate.

Any agreement for the payment of wages in contravention of the provisions of the Acts shall be void.

4. An employer shall, in cases where persons are employed on piece-work and a general minimum time-rate but no general minimum piece-rate has been fixed be deemed to pay wages at less than the minimum rate :—

- (a) In cases where a special minimum piece-rate has been fixed under the provisions of this Act for persons employed by that employer, if the rate of wages is less than that special minimum piece-rate ; and
- (b) In cases where a special minimum piece-rate has not been so fixed, unless he shows that the piece-rate of wages paid would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker at least the same amount of money as the basis-rate.

For the purpose of this section the expression "basis-rate" means the general minimum time-rate or, where a rate (*i.e.*, a "piece-work basis time-rate") has been fixed by the Trade Board for the purpose of being substituted for the general minimum time-rate as the basis-rate, the rate so fixed.

5. (1) Where a worker in any trade being a person to whom a minimum rate of wages fixed by a Trade Board applies, is an apprentice or learner, it shall not be lawful for his employer to receive directly or indirectly from him, or on his behalf or on his account, any payment by way of premium ;

Provided that nothing in the foregoing provisions shall apply to any such payment duly made in pursuance of any instrument of apprenticeship, not later than four weeks after the commencement of the employment.

(2) If any employer acts in contravention of this provision, he shall be liable on summary conviction in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and the Court may by the conviction, in addition to imposing a fine adjudge him to repay to the worker or other person by whom the payment was made the sum improperly received by way of premium.

6. For the purpose of calculating the amount of the wages payable in the case of a worker employed on any work for which a minimum rate of wages has been fixed under the principal Act, the worker shall be deemed to have been employed during all the time during which he was present on the premises of the employer, unless the employer proves that he was so present without the employer's consent, express or implied, or that he was so present for some purpose unconnected with his work and other than that of waiting for work to be given to him to perform, and in the case of a worker employed on piece-work shall be deemed during any time during which he was so present and was not doing piece-work to have been employed at the general minimum time-rate applicable to workers of the class to which he belongs :—

Provided that—

- (a) where a worker resides on the premises of the employer he shall not be deemed to be employed during any time during which he is present on the premises by reason only of the fact that he is so resident ; and
- (b) a worker while present during normal meal times in a room or place in which no work is being done shall be deemed to be present for a purpose unconnected with his work.

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*Board of Trade,*

*London, S.W. 1,*

*2nd June 1920.*

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 1, subsection 7, of the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act, 1918 (7 and 8 Geo. 5, Ch. 67), and No. 11 of the Statutory Rules and Orders, No. 265 of 1918 (Non-Ferrous Metal Industry), that Licences under the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act have been granted by the Board of Trade to the undermentioned companies, firms, or individuals :—

GRANTON SHIPBREAKING CO., LTD., THE,  
194 St. Vincent Street,  
Glasgow.

MUNRO, ROBERT A. AND CO., LTD.,  
140 West George Street,  
Glasgow.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

*Department of the  
Accountant-General of the Navy,  
Admiralty, S.W. 1,*

*1st June 1920.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the award for the salvage of s.s. "Ugo Bassi" by H.M. Trawler "Cygni" on the 1st August 1918, will commence on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business :—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

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*Civil Service Commission,*

*June 1, 1920.*

Notice is hereby given, that upon a special recommendation from the Board of Trade, and with the assent of the Treasury, Mr. Herbert Charles Grange, having served as a Clerk of the Second Division, has been promoted to the situation of Market Officer in the Department of Overseas Trade, with a special certificate granted by the Civil Service Commissioners.