

**FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS,
1878 to 1895.**

IN pursuance of section 1 of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State proposes, at the expiration of forty days from the publication of this notice, to make an Order under section 53 of "The Factory and Workshop Act, 1878," with regard to the overtime of women employed in the bottling of beer.

Copies of the drafts of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Factory Department, Home Office, Whitehall.

Whitehall, July 24, 1896.

Treasury Chambers, July 23, 1896.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, that at a Trial of the Pyx, held at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, on the 8th July, 1896, in accordance with the provisions of the Order in Council of the 29th June, 1871, the following Verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, viz.:—

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn this eighth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, before Master Butler, acting for the Queen's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the city of London, have made the Assays and Trials of Her Majesty's Gold and Silver Coins in the Pyx of the Mint, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Mint from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins, both of gold and silver, in each packet produced to us, corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain; and we took two coins from each of such packets of Gold coins, making altogether sixty-two Sovereigns or Twenty-shilling pieces, and fifty Half-Sovereigns or Ten-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, so as to ascertain whether they were within the remedy prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus one thousandth of an ounce (.001 oz.) on the whole of such coins, and that, therefore, they were within the prescribed remedy as to weight. We then melted the said Gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Gold Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was plus one hundred thousandths (or .00001), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said Gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to Weight. We then took from such residue five Sovereigns and five Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively, — the first 123.282, the second 123.275, the third 123.261, the fourth 123.274, and the fifth 123.274, and that such Half-

Sovereigns weighed respectively, — the first 61.642, the second 61.639, the third 61.639, the fourth 61.640, and the fifth 61.641. We then assayed the said five Sovereigns and five Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be 916.70, 916.66, 916.70, 916.60, and 916.60 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be 916.60, 916.66, 916.66, 916.60, and 916.86 respectively. We also took a coin from each of such packets of Silver coins, making altogether six Crowns, twelve Half-Crowns, fifteen Florins, thirty-one Shillings, seventeen Sixpences, one Fourpence, fifteen Threepences, one Twopence, and one Penny, and weighed each of the said Silver coins separately, so as to ascertain whether they were within the remedy prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the said Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus thirty-eight thousandths of an ounce (.038 oz.) on the whole of such coins, and that, therefore, they were within the prescribed remedy as to Weight. We then melted the said Silver coins, so taken out and weighed, into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Silver Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act, and we found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus three ten-thousandths (or .0003), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said Silver coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to Weight. We then took from such residue one Crown, one Half-Crown, one Florin, one Shilling, one Sixpence, and one Threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Crown weighed 484.663, that such Half-Crown weighed 218.681, that such Florin weighed 174.725, that such Shilling weighed 86.952, that such Sixpence weighed 43.666, and that such Threepence weighed 21.895. We then assayed the said Crown, the said Half-Crown, the said Florin, the said Shilling, the said Sixpence, and the said Threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Crown to be 925.4, of such Half-Crown to be 924.9, of such Florin to be 924.9, of such Shilling to be 924.8, of such Sixpence to be 925.2, and of such Threepence to be 925.4.

G. Matthey, Foreman.

Stewart Pixley.

Francis B. Thomas.

George Lambert.

R. Williams.

J. M. Garrard.

F. A. Abel.

H. H. Dobree.

John B. Carrington.

W. Robinson.

Geo. H. Pite.

*Robert Butler, for the Queen's
Remembrancer.*

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.**

(DATED 21st JULY 1896.)

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under