

## TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

Order of the Board of Trade under  
Section 5 (2).

WHEREAS by Section 4 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, it is amongst other things provided as follows:—

(1) Trade Boards shall, subject to the provisions of this section, fix minimum rates of wages for time-work for their trades (in this Act referred to as minimum time-rates), and may also fix general minimum rates of wages for piecework for their trades (in this Act referred to as general minimum piece-rates), and those rates of wages (whether time or piece rates) may be fixed so as to apply universally to the trade, or so as to apply to any special process in the work of the trade, or to any special class of workers in the trade, or to any special area.

(2) Before fixing any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate, the Trade Board shall give notice of the rate which they propose to fix, and consider any objections to the rate which may be lodged with them within three months.

(3) The Trade Board shall give notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them.

AND WHEREAS by Section 5 of the said Act it is amongst other things provided:—

(1) Until a minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by a Trade Board has been made obligatory by order of the Board of Trade under this section, the operation of the rate shall be limited as in this Act provided.

(2) Upon the expiration of six months from the date on which a Trade Board have given notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them, the Board of Trade shall make an order (in this Act referred to as an obligatory order) making that minimum rate obligatory in cases in which it is applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed, unless they are of opinion that the circumstances are such as to make it premature or otherwise undesirable to make an obligatory order, and in that case they shall make an order suspending the obligatory operation of the rate (in this Act referred to as an order of suspension).

AND WHEREAS, on the 18th day of August, 1911, the Trade Board established under the said Act for that branch of the Lace Trade which is engaged in Machine-made Lace and Net Finishing, other than the finishing of the product of Plain Net machines, gave notice that they had fixed general minimum piece-rates for the trade of Machine-made Lace and Net Finishing, other than the finishing of the product of Plain Net machines, for the processes more specifically set forth in the notice thereof, and minimum time-rates covering all processes in the trade of Machine-made Lace and Net Finishing, other than the finishing of the product of Plain Net machines, and the rates fixed are set out in the Schedule hereto:

AND WHEREAS the said rates have been in limited operation since the 18th day of August, 1911:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers in them vested as

before recited DO, by this order, make the said general minimum piece-rates and minimum time-rates fixed by the said Trade Board, and set out in the said Schedule hereto, obligatory in cases in which they are applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed in the said trade.

DATED this 19th day of February, 1912.

*Sydney Buxton,*  
President of the Board of Trade.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, February 22, 1912.*

H. 2542.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 16th February, from His Majesty's Consul-General at Trieste, transmitting the following translation of a Circular, dated the 12th February, issued by the Imperial and Royal Marine Board at Trieste, respecting arrivals from Italian ports:—

No further cases of cholera having been verified during the last weeks, neither in the provinces of Caltanissetta, Girgenti, Messina, nor at Syracuse—all sanitary dispositions in force against cholera for arrivals from all the Italian ports—are, by order of the Imperial and Royal Ministry for Commerce, hereby rescinded.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, February 22, 1912.*

H. 2698.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 14th February, from His Majesty's Representative on the Constantinople Board of Health, stating that, owing to an outbreak of plague at Bushire, arrivals from that port will now be subjected to a medical visit and application of the Rat-destruction Circular.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, February 22, 1912.*

H. 2617.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following translation of a Circular, dated the 15th February, issued by the Norwegian Government, relating to places infected with cholera and plague, and superseding the Circular of the 22nd January last:—The towns of Constantinople and Salonica, in Turkey, are struck off the list of places infected with cholera. The town of Durban, in South Africa, is regarded as infected with plague until further notice.