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FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1914.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRADE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ARTICLES OF COMMERCE WHICH ARE BEING UNREASONABLY WITHHELD FROM THE MARKET.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by the Second Section of the Articles of Commerce (Returns, etc.) Act, 1914, it is enacted as follows:—

“(1) If from any such return as aforesaid” (meaning the return provided for by Section 1 of the said Act) “or from any other source of information the Board of Trade are of opinion that any article of commerce is being unreasonably withheld from the market, they may, if so authorized by His Majesty’s Proclamation (made generally or as respects any particular kind of article of commerce) and in manner provided by the Proclamation, take possession of any supplies of the article, paying the owners of the supplies such price as may,

in default of agreement, be decided to be reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, by the arbitration of a Judge of the High Court selected by the Lord Chief Justice of England in England; by a Judge of the Court of Session selected by the Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland; and by a Judge of the High Court of Ireland selected by the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland in Ireland.”

“(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing the Board of Trade exercising their powers under this Section without having first obtained, or endeavoured to obtain, returns under this Act.”

AND WHEREAS WE, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, deem it necessary and expedient that the Board of Trade should be authorized in manner following:—

Now WE, by and with the advice aforesaid, do hereby authorize the Board of Trade, if from any such return as aforesaid, or from any other source of information, they are of opinion that any article of commerce is being unreasonably withheld from the market, to