

shall operate so as to penalise, impede, or interfere with compliance with the obligation imposed by this regulation.

(3) The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries may by licence exempt any occupier wholly or partly or for a specified period from the obligation imposed by this regulation in any case where it appears to the Board that by reason of exceptional circumstances the issue of such a licence is advisable, and may impose any conditions by such a licence, and if an occupier of land obtaining such licence fails to comply with any condition so imposed he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

(4) Any person authorised by the Board in that behalf may, for the purposes of this regulation, and upon production if so required of his authority, enter on and inspect any land.

(5) The Board may with respect to land in any district authorise any person or any body constituted by the Board for the purpose to exercise on behalf of the Board any of the powers of the Board under this regulation, and prescribe the procedure of any such body, and the authentication of any notice or other instrument issued by any body or person so authorised.

(6) Land shall not for the purpose of this regulation be deemed to be cultivated with hops, by reason only of hop plants being retained therein, but not cropped, if the land is as far as practicable used for the production of some other crop."

2. After regulation 2a the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"2s.—(1) Where a dog has been seized as a stray dog by a police constable under the Dogs Act, 1906, it may be destroyed under that Act at any time after the expiration of three clear days from the time of seizure, unless in the meantime the owner of the dog has claimed the dog, and produced his licence in respect of the dog or proved that the dog is not one in respect of which a licence is required, and paid all expenses incurred by reason of its detention: and a notice served under subsection (2) of section three of the Dogs Act, 1906, on the owner of the dog which contains a statement to this effect shall be a sufficient compliance with that subsection.

(2) Any person who fakes possession of a stray dog shall, unless he immediately returns the dog to its owner, forthwith hand the dog over to a police constable; and if he fails to do so, shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations; and a dog so handed over to a police constable shall thereupon be treated as a dog seized by him as a stray dog under the Dogs Act, 1906."

3. After regulation 9d the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"9dd. It shall not be lawful to hold any exhibition or show at which dogs are exhibited, whether for sale or otherwise; and if any person takes part in the control, management, or organisation of any such exhibition or show, or exhibits any dog at, or sends for exhibition any dog to, any exhibition or show, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

4. At the end of regulation 9h the following subsection shall be inserted:—

"(5.) Where the Board of Trade have taken possession of any canal, the Board may by

order prohibit persons, not being the owner of the canal, who own any barges used thereon, or any machinery or plant used in connection with the loading or unloading of any such barges, from disposing of any such barges, machinery, or plant, without the consent of the Board of Trade or some person or body of persons acting on their behalf, and if any person acts in contravention of any such order he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

5. In the first paragraph of regulation 24b the words "any person in" shall be omitted wherever they occur.

In the third paragraph of the same regulation, for the words "This regulation shall not apply," there shall be substituted the words "The provisions of this regulation other than those relating to examination shall not apply," and for the words, "nor shall it apply" there shall be substituted "nor shall they apply," and at the end of the same paragraph there shall be added the words "nor shall they apply to printed or written matter conveyed by any person, if he proves that the matter is required solely for his own use, and the conveyance thereof does not contravene the provisions of any other of these regulations and is otherwise lawful."

6. In regulation 37, after the words "in the defence of the coast," there shall be inserted the words "and where any such regulation or order conflicts with the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, the provisions of the first-mentioned regulation or order shall prevail, and a departure from the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea made for the purpose of complying with such first-mentioned regulation or order shall be deemed to be a departure necessary to avoid immediate danger within the meaning of the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea."

7. After regulation 42c, the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"42d. If any person commits any act in connection with any war material likely to render such war material wholly or partially ineffective, or to cause danger or increased danger to any person working upon, handling, or using the same, or if any person engaged in the manufacture, treatment, assembling, transport, or storage of war material wilfully, or in contravention of any order or instruction given to him in the course of his employment, omits to do anything to or in connection with any war material the omission whereof is likely to render such war material wholly or partially ineffective, or to cause danger or increased danger to any person working upon, handling, or using the same, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations."

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *May*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 16th day of *May*, 1917, in the words following, viz.:—