LIGHT RAILWAYS ACTS, 1896 & 1912.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the undermentioned Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—Darlington Light Railways (Amendment) Order, 1917, amending the Darlington Light Railways Order, 1902.

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, Westminster, S.W. 1.

12th July, 1917.

Board of Trade, Marine Department, Whitehall Gardens, S.W. 13th July, 1917.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice, under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1907, that they have received during the month of June, 1917, the following Reports of Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties held by Courts in British Possessions abroad:

"Polavon."

"Lord Antrim."

"Prince Rupert" and "Cleeve."

"Cape Corso."

"Umtata."

"Tyndareus."

THE TOBACCO RESTRICTION ORDER (No. 2), 1917, DATED 11TH JULY, 1917, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE UNDER REGULATIONS 2F AND 2JJ OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULA-

(Consolidating and amending the Order and instructions previously in force.)

Whereas by Regulation 211 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations the Board of Trade have the like powers as are given to the Food Controller under Regulations 2r to 2j inclusive as respects any articles of commerce to which the powers of the Food Controller under those Regulations do not extend, where it appears to the Board necessary or expedient to exercise any of those powers for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the supply of any such article which is required by the pub-

lic or by any section of the public. AND WHEREAS by virtue of Regulation 2F these powers include powers to make orders regulating or giving directions with respect to the production, manufacture, treatment, use, consumption, transport, storage, distribution, supply, sale, or purchase of or other dealing in or measures to be taken in relation to any article (including as to maximum and minimum price), and also include power by order to require all or any persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of any article or any stocks thereof, to place at the disposal of the Board of Trade the article or the whole or any part of the stocks thereof as may be directed by the Board on such terms as the Board may direct, and to deliver to the Board, or to any person or persons named by them, the article or any stocks thereof in such quantities and at such times as the Board may require:

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Board of Trade expedient to exercise those powers as respects tobacco in manner provided by this Order:

Now THEREFORE the Board of Trade, in pursuance of their powers under the said Regulation and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:

1. All persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of any tobacco manufactured or unmanufactured which is on or after the date of this Order at ship's side or in any bonded warehouse shall place that tobacco at the disposal of the Board of Trade, and shall if required deliver the tobacco to the Board, or to any person named by them, in such quantities and at such times as the Board may direct.

2. No tobacco shall be delivered from a ship's side except into a bonded warehouse, and no person shall deliver or take delivery of any tobacco from any bonded warehouse without the consent of the Board of Trade, who may determine the quantity which may be delivered

to such person at any one time.
3. No person shall buy, sell or do any act to cause a change of ownership in any unmanufactured tobacco lying in any bonded warehouse or at the ship's side without the consent of the Board of Trade, and any purported purchase, sale, or other dealing contrary to this prohibftion shall be void.

- 4. From and after the date of this Order no person being a manufacturer of tobacco in a bonded warehouse or warehouses shall without a permit issued by the Board of Trade receive into that warehouse or those warehouses in any calendar month any greater amount of tobacco than one-twelfth part of the total amount received into that warehouse or those warehouses during the year ended 31st December, 1916, except that if the amount received into any such warehouse or warehouses in any one month is less than the amount hereinbefore authorised so to be received, the amount which may be received into that warehouse or those warehouses in the next succeeding month may be increased by the amount of the deficiency.
- 5. When the Board of Trade gives consent to any person taking delivery of any unmanufactured tobacco, such person shall forthwith deliver to the Board of Trade a notice in the prescribed form containing particulars of the nature and quantity of tobacco so to be removed, the bonded warehouse from which it is to be removed, and the licensed manufactory or bonded warehouse to which it is to be removed, and any other information which the Board may require and the person taking delivery of the tobacco from warehouse or ship's side shall cause it to be removed direct to the licensed manufactory or bonded warehouse specified in the notice, and shall not allow it to pass into the possession of any manufacturer of tobacco other than the owner of the specified licensed manufactory or bonded ware-
- 6. Where any person applies to the Board of Trade for their consent to any of the transactions referred to in paragraph 3 hereof such person shall furnish to the Board such information as the Board may require and in particular shall state the name of the other party to the transaction, the amount and description of the tobacco affected thereby, the price or consideration and the place from and to which delivery is to be made.

7. From and after the date of this Order and until further notice a person shall not, without