

7 of the Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, requiring the provision of sitting facilities for all female workers employed in any process in turning or machining shells or shell bodies.

The Order comes into force on the 1st August, 1918.

Copies of the Order can be purchased through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Home Office, Whitehall,  
4th July, 1918.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,*  
2nd July, 1918.

The KING has been graciously pleased to signify His Majesty's approval of the following promotions and appointment on the Staff of Officers of The King's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers):—

To be Captain, Lieutenant The Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, vice Captain The Earl of Haddington, deceased.

To be Lieutenant, Ensign Lord Saltoun, vice Lieutenant The Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, promoted.

To be Ensign, Brigadier The Duke of Lennox, Richmond and Gordon, vice Ensign Lord Saltoun, promoted.

To be Brigadier, Sir John R. Gladstone, Bt., vice Brigadier The Duke of Lennox, Richmond and Gordon, promoted.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,*  
4th July, 1918.

A loyal and dutiful Address from the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland having been forwarded to the Secretary for Scotland for presentation to The King has been

presented accordingly to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

*Board of Trade, Marine Department,*  
*Whitehall Gardens,*  
30th June, 1918.

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, 1918, the following Reports of Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties held by Courts in British Possessions abroad:—

"Polaria."  
"Ayuthia."

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

SHIRT-MAKING TRADE BOARD.  
(Great Britain.)

PROPOSAL TO VARY CERTAIN MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE SHIRT-MAKING TRADE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the above Act by the Board of Trade and dated 27th April, 1910, the Trade Board established under the above Act and the Trade Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1913, for the Shirt-making Trade in Great Britain, as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated the 26th December, 1913,

Hereby give notice as required by Section 4 of the above Act that they propose to vary the Minimum Rates of Wages for female workers fixed by them and set out in Schedule I of their Notice of the 11th March, 1918, as follows, that is to say:—

I.—(a) For female workers other than homeworkers, from 5d. an hour to 6d. an hour.

(b) For female homeworkers, from 5d. an hour to 6d. an hour.

II.—LEARNERS.

	LEARNERS COMMENCING AT			
	14 and under 15 years of age.	15 and under 16 years of age.	16 and under 21 years of age.	21 years of age and over.
	Col. I.	Col. II.	Col. III.	Col. IV.
	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.
During 1st 6 months of employment	from 4 0 to 4 9	4 6 5 6	6 9 8 0	1st 3 months ... from 8 3 to 10 0
" 2nd "	from 6 9 to 8 0	7 6 9 0	9 9 11 9	2nd " ... from 12 0 to 14 6
" 3rd "	from 8 6 to 10 3	10 3 12 3	13 3 16 0	3rd " ... from 15 6 to 18 6
" 4th "	from 10 3 to 12 3	12 6 15 0	17 9 21 3	4th " ... from 17 9 to 21 3
" 5th "	from 12 0 to 14 6	15 6 18 6	— —	— —
" 6th "	from 13 3 to 16 0	17 9 21 3	— —	— —
" 7th "	from 16 6 to 19 9	— —	— —	— —
" 8th "	from 17 9 to 21 3	— —	— —	— —

For Learners under 14 years of age from 4s. to 4s. 9d. a week.

The above proposals are on the basis that the learners' rates are weekly rates based on a week of 50 hours, the rates being subject to a proportionate deduction or increase according