

*Downing Street,
19th November, 1920.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Ernest James Stevens, Esq., who has served continuously for a period of more than ten years as a Member of the Legislative Council of the State of Queensland.

*Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
London, S.W. 1.
23rd December, 1920.*

GAS METER REGULATIONS, 1920.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have made the following Rules:—

The Gas Meter Regulations, 1920, dated 16th day of December, 1920, pursuant to Section 12 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920 (10 and 11 Geo. 5, ch. 28), in relation to instruments for measuring gas.

These Rules have been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1920, No. 2354, and copies of the same can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsoby, Limited, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

*Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
London, S.W. 1,
22nd December, 1920.*

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 1, sub-section 7, of the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act, 1918 (7 and 8 Geo. 5, ch. 67) and No. 11 of the Statutory Rules and Orders, No. 265 of 1918 (Non-Ferrous Metal Industry), that licences under the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act have been granted by the Board of Trade to the undermentioned companies, firms or individuals:—

Esgairwyn Mining Company, Ystrad Meurig, Cardiganshire.
Leadhills Company, Limited, 5, South Street, Finsbury, E.C. 2.
Shropshire Mines, Limited, Pinners' Hall, Austin Friars, E.C. 2.
Toyne Russel and Company, Limited, 122, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.

*Mines Department,
23rd December, 1920.*

The Right Hon. William Clive Bridgeman, Secretary for Mines, has appointed Captain Arthur Hort Barnard to be a temporary Junior Inspector of Mines under the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1919.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918. ROPE, TWINE AND NET TRADE BOARD (GREAT BRITAIN).

MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES AS VARIED FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF FEMALE WORKERS.

Effective as from 31st December, 1920, until
30th April, 1921.*

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by

the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October, 1918, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, for those branches of the trade as specified in the Trade Boards (Rope, Twine and Net) Order, 1919, having given due notice on the 15th June, 1920, of Proposal to Vary the General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-work Basis Time-Rates and Overtime Rates for certain classes of Female Workers, hereby give Notice, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they have varied the General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates and Overtime Rates set out in the Schedule of their Notice dated 1st April, 1920, in respect of those classes of Female Workers specified in Part I of the Schedule set out below, such Variation to remain in operation up to 30th April, 1921, and that the Minimum Rates of Wages as Varied are as shown in the Schedule set out below.

And the Trade Board further give Notice that they have received notification from the Minister of Labour that he has made an Order dated 13th December, 1920, under Section 4 (2) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, confirming the Minimum Rates of Wages as Varied by the Trade Board and specifying the 31st December, 1920,* as the date from which such Minimum Rates of Wages shall become effective.

*Should this date not correspond with the beginning of the period for which wages are paid by an employer who pays wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, the rates shall become effective as from the beginning of the next full-pay period, but in any case not later than the 6th January, 1921.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

General Minimum Time-Rates and Piece-work Basis Time-Rates for Certain Classes of Female Workers.

For Female Workers (other than Homeworkers) of 18 years of age and over, during such time as they are employed in the making of Rope of 1½ in. circumference or over; or on processes preparatory thereto, as specified in the Trade Boards (Rope, Twine and Net) Order, 1919, when carried on in the same factory or workshop as such making.

Provided that the above Minimum Rates of Wages shall not apply to workers employed in making Wire Rope unless made in the same factory or workshop as Hemp or similar Rope or Core for Wire Rope.

General Minimum Time-Rate, 10½d. per hour.

Piece-work Basis Time Rate, 11½d. per hour.

PART II.

Overtime Rates for Certain Classes of Female Workers.

Overtime Rates, calculated on the Minimum Rates set out above in the manner set out in the Schedule to the Notice fixing Minimum Rates for Overtime issued by the Trade Board, and dated 1st April, 1920, shall apply, in substitution for the above Minimum Rates in respect of all hours worked by the above classes of workers in excess of the number of hours therein declared by the Trade Board to be the normal number of hours of work in the trade.

PART III.

SECTION I.—The above Minimum Rates of Wages shall be paid clear of all deductions,