

lieu of the procedure prescribed by paragraph (c) of the said Regulations:—

1. A weighed quantity of the dried dust shall be heated to a temperature high enough to ensure complete decomposition of the carbonates,* in an open vessel, until it no longer loses weight, and the percentage loss of weight shall be determined.

2. A weighed quantity of the dried dust shall be treated with dilute acid in a suitable apparatus, and the percentage loss of weight due to the evolution of carbonic acid gas shall be determined.

3. The difference between the two percentage losses of weight so determined shall be reckoned as the percentage of combustible matter for the purpose of the test.

W. C. Bridgeman,
Secretary for Mines.

Mines Department,
46, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
14th February, 1921.

* "The high temperature of a blow pipe flame is required, and the heating has to be continued during about an hour to ensure complete decomposition of the carbonate." (Sixth Report of the Explosions in Mines Committee. Cd. 7638, page 12.)

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COAL DUST.

Test prescribed by the Board of Trade for Moist Dust Mixtures which cannot be sieved.

In pursuance of No. 4 of the General Regulations made under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, and dated 30th July, 1920, the Board of Trade hereby prescribe that the following procedure shall be adopted for the purpose of testing the composition of samples of dust mixture which contain such a high percentage of moisture that the mixture cannot be sieved in the manner prescribed by the said Regulations:—

1. The samples collected shall be well mixed, and a weighed quantity of the mixture shall be dried at 212° F. The weight lost shall be reckoned as moisture.

2. The dust so dried shall be treated in the manner prescribed by paragraph (b) of the said Regulation, and the percentage of combustible matter shall then be determined in the manner prescribed by paragraph (c) of the Regulation.

W. C. Bridgeman,
Secretary for Mines.

Mines Department,
46, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
7th February, 1921.

MINING INDUSTRY ACT, 1920.

DIRECTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, DATED FEBRUARY 14TH, 1921.

Whereas the Board of Trade deem it expedient that the pithead price of coal should cease to be regulated as heretofore under the Mining Industry Act, 1920. Now, therefore, in pursuance of their powers under the said

Act and of all other powers them hereunto enabling, the Board of Trade direct as follows:—

1. The Directions of the Board of Trade, dated the 25th day of August, 1920, and issued under Section 3, sub-section 1, of the Mining Industry Act, 1920, as to the maximum pit-head price chargeable for coal sold for consumption in the British Islands and for coal sold for the bunkering of certain vessels at ports in the British Islands, are hereby cancelled.

2. Nothing herein contained shall affect or prejudice any matter or thing done or suffered, proceeding taken, or penalty incurred under the said Directions during or in respect of the time prior to their cancellation.

3. These Directions shall take effect as from the 1st day of March, 1921.

Dated the 14th day of February, 1921.

W. C. Bridgeman,
Secretary for Mines.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

LINEN AND COTTON HANDKERCHIEF AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND LINEN PIECE GOODS TRADE BOARD (GREAT BRITAIN)

MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FIXED FOR MALE WORKERS. EFFECTIVE AS FROM 25TH FEBRUARY, 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 the Linen and Cotton Handkerchief and Household Goods and Linen Piece Goods Trade, as specified in the Trade Boards (Linen and Cotton Handkerchief and Household Goods and Linen Piece Goods) Order, 1920, having given due notice on 8th November, 1920, of Proposal to Fix General Minimum Time-Rates and Overtime Rates for Male Workers, hereby give notice, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they have Fixed General Minimum Time-Rates and Overtime Rates for Male Workers, and that the Minimum Rates of Wages as Fixed are as shown in the Schedule set out below:—

The Trade Board further give notice, that they have received notification from the Minister of Labour that he has made an Order dated 10th February, 1921, under Section 4 (2) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, confirming the Minimum Rates of Wages as fixed by the Trade Board, and specifying 25th February, 1921,* 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 no case later than 3rd March, 1921.