

bers of one of the lock gates at the Barry Docks when an explosion of Marsh gas occurred and the workers were overcome by the fumes. The interior of the gate was wet and slimy and the only means of reaching the men was by a narrow iron ladder. Tanner, who was on watch at the top of the gate, immediately descended. He assisted one man to the surface and again and again descended the ladder until he had brought out three of the men. One man was still left and Tanner again went down but was forced to retire owing to the fumes. By this time other assistance had arrived and Tanner again descended and with the help of others succeeded in bringing the fifth man's unconscious body to the surface.

Tanner showed great courage and perseverance in continuing at his work of rescue until all the men had been brought up. He descended no less than six times—on the first five occasions into utter darkness without any light. He did not know the nature of the explosion and the danger of slipping on the slimy ironwork was considerable. The risks he ran were serious as had he been overcome by the fumes or fallen from the ladder he would probably have been killed, and his promptitude, coolness, resource and pertinacity were remarkable. Three of the men rescued were severely burnt and the last man brought to the surface unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.

Downing Street,
1st May, 1926.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Matthew Alexander Murphy, Esq. (Director of Public Works), to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT, 1920.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COAL) (SCOTLAND) ORDER, 1926, DATED 1ST MAY, 1926, MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, 1926, WHICH WERE ISSUED UNDER THE EMERGENCY POWERS ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, c. 55).

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Regulations, 1926, and of all other powers in that behalf and by arrangement with the Board of Trade, I hereby order as follows:—

(1) In this Order the expression "Local Authority" shall mean the Council of a County or Burgh or any District Committee to which a County Council shall delegate its powers under the Coal (Emergency) Directions, 1926, or any Directions amending or varying the same.

(2) I hereby confer and impose upon the Local Authority and upon such of their officers as they may designate or appoint for the purpose the powers and duties necessary to provide for the due discharge within their district,

in conformity with the Emergency Regulations, 1926, of the functions assigned to Local Authorities by the Coal (Emergency) Directions, 1926, or any Directions amending or varying the same.

(3)—(a) Any expenses incurred by a Local Authority in the execution of this Order shall be defrayed out of the public health general assessment provided that such expenses shall not be reckoned in any calculation as to the statutory limit of that assessment.

(b) Where any Local Authorities have combined for any of the purposes of this Order, any expenses incurred by the Local Authorities under this Order shall be defrayed in such proportions as may be agreed upon or in default of agreement as may be determined by me.

(4) A District Committee, Parish Council, Education Authority or other local body may make available without charge, or on such terms as may be agreed, to a Local Authority or to any Committee appointed by the Authority, any of their premises and the services of any of their officers for the purposes of the Coal (Emergency) Directions, 1926, or any Directions amending or varying the same.

(5) This Order may be cited as the LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COAL) (SCOTLAND) ORDER, 1926.

(L.S.) (Sd.) *John Gilmour,*
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W. 1.

1st May, 1926.

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TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

AERATED WATERS TRADE BOARD (ENGLAND AND WALES).

PROPOSAL TO VARY MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October, 1918, 1st August, 1922, and 1st April, 1926, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, for the Aerated Waters Trade, as specified in the Trade Boards (Aerated Waters) Order, 1919, hereby give notice, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they propose to vary the General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates and Overtime Rates for certain classes of male and female workers as set out in the Schedule to the Notice A (8) issued by the Trade Board and dated 30th December, 1922, the proposed variations being as shown in the Schedule set out below.