

2. In the Scheme, unless the contrary intention appears:—

“The Act” means the Coal Mines Act, 1930;

“The Central Scheme” means the Central (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, including any amendment thereof for the time being in force, and “The Central Council” means the Council for the time being constituted thereunder;

“Class” means, in relation to coal, a class determined according to the nature of the coal or of the trade, industry or other category of consumer supplied, or according to whether it be supplied for use in Great Britain or for export to any other country;

“Coal” includes bituminous coal, cannel coal and anthracite;

“Coal mine” means any mine or open working in the District where the getting of coal is the principal object of the mining or quarrying operations;

“Disposal” in relation to a coal mine means the tonnage of saleable coal raised and weighed at the pit head at that coal mine, after deducting all coal to be used for the purpose of working the mine and all coal to be supplied free or at reduced rates for the use of persons who are or have been employed in or about the mine and the dependants of persons who have been so employed;

“The District” means the North Staffordshire District subject to the provisions of any Order of the Board of Trade under paragraph 2 of Part II of the Schedule to the Act, directing that a coal mine situate in the District shall be treated as situate in an adjoining district;

“District Allocation” means the maximum permissible output for the District for any period as determined under the provisions of the Central Scheme;

“The District Fund” means the District Fund constituted by and established under the Scheme;

“Functions” includes powers and duties;

“Majority Owners” means the owners of coal mines joining in submission of the Scheme to the Board of Trade and “Minority Owners” means the owners of coal mines other than majority owners;

“Output” means the tonnage in coal raised and weighed at the pithead of a coal mine;

“Owner” means the owner (as defined in the Coal Mines Act, 1911) of any coal mine, and where an owner is for the purposes of the Scheme represented by a duly authorised representative includes such representative;

“The Secretary” means the Secretary to the Executive Board constituted under the provisions of the Scheme;

“The Trustees” means the persons for the time being appointed under the provisions of the Scheme to be Trustees for the Executive Board;

“Undertaking” means any undertaking comprising two or more coal mines belonging to the same owner.

Duration and Scope of the Scheme.

3.—(1) The Scheme shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Act, and

shall remain in force until the expiration of Part I of the Act, unless in the meantime:—

(i) A new scheme shall be substituted in manner hereafter provided by the Scheme, or

(ii) The Board of Trade shall direct in pursuance of sub-section (7) of Section 5 of the Act that the Scheme shall cease to have effect.

(2) The production of coal and the supply and sale of such coal by all owners shall be regulated by the provisions of the Scheme.

Administration of the Scheme.

4. There shall be constituted and elected annually in manner hereafter in the Scheme provided an Executive Board (hereafter in the Scheme referred to as “the Board”) who shall be responsible for the general administration of the Scheme and it shall be the duty of the Board, subject to the provisions of the Scheme and within the limits thereof, to take from time to time such steps as may appear to them desirable for the purposes of regulating to the best advantage the production of coal in the district and the supply and sale of such coal.

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of 18 owners or their representatives, and shall be elected annually at a general meeting of all the owners:

Provided that not more than one representative of any owner shall be elected on the Board. And provided that the Board as first elected shall consist of 11 persons representative of the majority owners and of 7 persons representative of the minority owners who shall respectively be nominated and elected by majority owners only and by minority owners only.

(2) At every election of Members of the Board there shall be elected with each member a person to act in case of need as a substitute for such member, and in the event of any member of the Board being unavoidably prevented from attending any Meeting of the Board his substitute so elected may attend and take part in the meeting in place of such member.

(3) The method of voting at the election of members of the first and every succeeding Board including such substitutes as aforesaid shall be that prescribed in Clause 29 of the Scheme.

6. The Board shall hold office for twelve months, at the end of which period all members of the Board shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they may think fit.

8. The Secretary shall upon receipt of any requisition for a meeting of the Board signed by any member of the Board or by any three owners, summon a meeting of the Board, by giving not less than three days' notice in writing of such meeting to every member of the Board:

Provided that the purpose for which the meeting is required shall be specified in every such requisition and notice as aforesaid.

9. The Board shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meetings thereof and a Deputy Chairman to preside in his absence. If at any meeting of the Board neither the Chairman