or representatives as the case may be of any Executive Board dissent at any meeting from a decision of that meeting and claim on behalf of such Executive Board that the matter be referred to arbitration the matter shall forthwith be referred to arbitration accordingly.

(4) The decision of the Chairman that a resolution whether on a show of hands or a poll is carried, or carried by a particular majority or lost shall be conclusive.

District Allocations.

X.—(1) The Council shall from time to time allocate to each district in accordance with the following provisions a maximum output for the district (herein called " the District allocation ").

(2) The Council shall determine the district allocation at such times and for such periods as they think fit and any such period is hereinafter referred to as a " period of allocation ":

Provided that with a view to facilitating the making of contracts for the sale of coal the Council shall whenever the period of allocation is less than twelve months fix and intimate to each Executive Board with the district allocation a figure of output below which the district allocation in respect of the remainder of the period of twelve months from the beginning of such period of allocation shall not be fixed and which shall be substantially below the output necessary to meet the estimated demand during the remainder of the period aforesaid.

(3) Before the commencement of each period of allocation the Council shall request each Executive Board to submit its own estimate of the tonnage of coal which the owners in its district will be able to dispose of during the period and the output corresponding thereto. Such request shall be made so soon as it is reasonably practicable in the Council's opinion for the Executive Boards to estimate in respect of the period in question.

(4) The Council may also require from any Executive Board from time to time such further information as they may decide to be necessary to assist them in arriving at their determinations.

(5) Each Executive Board shall forward to the Council the estimates referred to in sub-clause (3) of this Clause within such time as may be determined by the Council and specified in the request mentioned in that sub-clause and the Council shall cause the estimates of each Executive Board to be forwarded to each of the other Executive Boards as soon as practicable after the receipt thereof.

(6) The Council shall meet at such reasonable interval after the making of the request mentioned in sub-clause (3) of this Clause as the Council may determine and in any event not less than five weeks before the expiration of each current period of allocation to consider the district allocation for the succeeding period of allocation.

(7) In determining the district allocation the Council shall on every occasion have regard to all relevant circumstances affecting the several districts not excluding the relative position of such districts prior to the war.

(8) If the representative or representatives of any Executive Board on the Council exercise the right conferred by Clause IX. (3) of appealing to arbitration from a decision of the Council as to the allocation of any district the matter or matters in dispute shall forthwith be referred to arbitration accordingly.

(9) The district allocations made by the Council or by arbitration as the case may be shall be communicated by the Council to the Executive Boards as soon as practicable and in no case less than four weeks before the commencement of the period to which they relate.

(10) In any period of allocation any Executive Board may at any time apply to the Council to have its district allocation increased for the remainder of such period on the ground that such increase is necessary in order to meet an increased demand for coal or any class of coal. The Council shall meet within seven days of the receipt of any such application to consider the same and if satisfied that the increase applied for is necessary wholly or in part to meet such increased demand as aforesaid shall grant the same wholly or in part as the case may be and if not so satisfied shall refuse the same and unless the representative or representatives of any Executive Board exercise the right conferred by Clause IX. (3) of appealing to arbitration against the decision of the Council, shall at once communicate such decision to all of the Executive Boards. In the event of an appeal to arbitration under Clause IX. (3) the matter shall forthwith be referred to arbitration accordingly. The Council shall use its best endeavours to secure that the decision of the Council or of the arbitrators as the case may be shall be communicated to all Executive Boards as soon as practicable after the receipt of the application, but delay in the making or communication of the decision of the Council or the arbitrators as the case may be shall not entitle the applicant district to produce in excess of the output already allocated to it in accordance with the provisions of this Clause.

XI.—(1) Each Executive Board shall regulate the output of its district so as not to exceed the district allocation but if in any period of allocation the aggregate output of the district of any Executive Board exceeds the district allocation then such Executive Board shall pay to the Trustees the sum of 2s. 6d. per ton of such excess output which shall be paid within fourteen days after demand by the Council. All such penalties as and when received shall be paid into the Central Fund.

(2) No Executive Board shall have the right to transfer to any other district any part of the output allocated to it under the Scheme.

(3) If in any period any district fail to produce the whole tonnage of coal allocated to it in respect of that period such deficiency in production shall not entitle it to produce in excess of the district allocation in any subsequent period, and the output to be allocated to it in such subsequent periods shall continue to be fixed as provided in Clause X. hereof.

Contributions.

XII. Each of the Executive Boards shall pay to the Trustees periodically on the demand of the Council such contribution in the form of such uniform amount per ton of output raised in the district during such period as may be prescribed by the Council as shall be necessary