

"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 sixteen owners or their representatives, and shall be elected annually at a general meeting of all owners:

Provided that not more than one representative of any owner shall be elected on the Board.

(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 nor the Deputy Chairman is present, the members of the Board present shall choose one of their number to act as Chairman of that meeting.

10. Seven members of the Board present at a meeting shall form a quorum.

11. Any casual vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by the members of the Board, but any person so appointed a member of the Board shall retire with the elected members at the end of their term of office.

12. The Board may appoint Committees from time to time from among their own members or otherwise for such purposes as they shall think fit, provided that any decision of a Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

13. The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board and such other officers as are required to give effect to the functions of the Board and they shall fix the terms and duration of each appointment.

14. Voting at all meetings of the Board and at meetings of any Committee appointed by the Board shall be by show of hands, each member having one vote, but in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

15. Subject to the provisions of the Scheme the meetings of the Board and of any Committees appointed by the Board shall be held and conducted in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, including provision for the taking and keeping of minutes, which shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are approved and such signature shall be sufficient evidence of their accuracy.

16. The expenses of the Board and of any Committees appointed by the Board and the salaries of any officers of the Board, including such remuneration (if any) of the Chairman of the Board as may be determined by vote of a general meeting of owners, shall be payable out of the District Fund.

#### *General Meetings.*

17. Mr. James Selby Gardner, of the Public Rooms, Cannock, shall call or cause to be called a general meeting of all the owners not later than seven days after the date on which the Scheme comes into force, for the purpose of electing the first Board and for any other business that may be necessary under the Scheme.

18. A general meeting of owners shall be held in each succeeding year at intervals of approximately twelve months: