

*Executive Board Officers.*

6.—(i) The Board shall appoint a Secretary and fix the terms and duration of his appointment. Any vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary through the death or retirement or dismissal of the Secretary for the time being shall be filled by the Board as soon as may be and until such appointment the duties of the Secretary shall be discharged by a temporary Secretary to be appointed by the Board in like manner.

(ii) The Board may from time to time appoint such other officers as are required to give effect to the functions of the Board and they shall fix the terms and duration of every such appointment.

*Accountants.*

7.—(i) During the continuance of the Scheme there shall be Accountants for the purposes of the Scheme appointed by the Board.

(ii) The Board may fill any vacancy in the office of Accountants and may at any time remove the Accountants for the time being and appoint others in their place.

(iii) The Accountants for the time being for the purposes of the Scheme are hereinafter referred to as "the Accountants."

*Regulation of Output.**Standard Tonnage.*

8.—(i) Every owner shall within twenty one days after the Scheme shall have been approved by the Board of Trade, send to the Secretary a statement in writing certifying the name and situation of the coal mine or coal mines owned by him with the tonnage output for the year ending the 31st December, 1927. Such statement shall contain such other information as the Board may prescribe and may if the owner so desires contain such particulars of any claim (substantiated by the necessary evidence) as the owner may desire to advance for special treatment under sub-clause (iv) of this Clause or otherwise under the Act.

(ii) The annual standard tonnage of every coal mine or colliery undertaking shall be its output for the year ending the 31st December, 1927, in the absence of any special circumstances that in the opinion of the Board call for special treatment.

(iii) The Board shall be at liberty from time to time to vary the standard tonnage of any coal mine or colliery undertaking and may do so on their own initiative or on the application of any owner.

(iv) On every determination of the standard tonnage of a coal mine or colliery undertaking regard shall be had by the Board to the special circumstances of the coal mine or colliery undertaking, including the efficiency and economy in the working of the mine or undertaking, and the extent to which it has been developed or is being developed for economic working, and the extent to which its output has been increasing or decreasing.

(v) The Board may decide from time to time whether standard tonnages shall be fixed for any class of coal, and, if so, may determine such standard tonnages for all coal mines producing that class of coal.

(vi) In any other case where the standard tonnage cannot be ascertained by means of the preceding provisions of this Clause, the Board

shall decide a basis on which the same shall be fixed and shall fix the same having regard to the special circumstances of the coal mine or colliery undertaking.

(vii) Notice of the standard tonnages so determined by the Board (including any special conditions attaching thereto and any provisions relating to the distribution of the standard tonnage for the year in unequal monthly quantities or the distribution of the tonnage among the classes of coal produced) and of the results of any such revision thereof as it mentioned in paragraph (iii) of this Clause, shall immediately be given by the Board to all the owners.

(viii) After the standard tonnages of the coal mines and colliery undertakings shall have been determined as aforesaid, every owner shall declare by notice in writing to the Secretary the monthly or quarterly proportions (as the Board may decide) in which he requires the Board to distribute the standard tonnage of his coal mine or colliery undertaking for the year ending on the 31st day of December then next, and if the Board shall be satisfied that such declared distributions are not prejudicial to the interests of other owners they shall fix such declared distributions as the monthly or quarterly (as the case may be) standard tonnages of the coal mines concerned. If the Board shall not be satisfied with such declared distributions it shall be at liberty to make such amendments therein as it shall deem expedient, and shall fix the monthly or quarterly standard tonnages of the coal mines or colliery undertakings concerned accordingly. After the Board shall have fixed such monthly or quarterly standard tonnages, the same shall not be altered by the owner concerned during the year in question save with the sanction of the Board and in the manner so sanctioned.

(ix) Where after the commencement of the Scheme an owner purchases or otherwise acquires any coal mine or colliery undertaking the standard tonnage of the coal mine or colliery undertaking so acquired, added to the standard tonnage of any other coal mine or colliery undertaking belonging to such owner, shall if the owner so desires constitute the standard tonnage of the combined undertaking and on any subsequent determination of standard tonnages, such combined undertaking shall be treated in the same way as if the standard tonnage so constituted were the standard tonnage of the combined undertaking under the last previous determination of standard tonnages for the district:

Provided that where an owner purchases or otherwise acquires part only of a colliery undertaking in respect of which a standard tonnage has been determined under the Scheme, the proportion of that standard tonnage to be added to the standard tonnage of any other coal mine or colliery undertaking belonging to such owner shall be determined by the Board, and that amount shall be deducted from the standard tonnage of the colliery undertaking of which part has been so acquired.

*Regulation of Output.**Quotas and Allocations.*

9.—(i) As soon as a district allocation for any period shall have been ascertained, the Board shall, subject to the provisions of para-