

(ii) To confer with Representatives of foreign coal producers and of foreign coal importers with regard to all matters of mutual interest affecting the sale and supply of coal;

(iii) To collect and circulate to the Coalowners information, statistics, and reports relative to any matters affecting the export of coal from the District or any Section thereof;

(iv) To establish a Shipping Bureau to act on behalf of Coalowners in the export markets; and

(v) Generally to advise Coalowners engaged in the sale and supply of coal for export or bunkering purposes.

18. PENALTIES FOR OVER-PRODUCTION.

(a) If any Coalowner shall raise a tonnage of coal in any month in excess of his Monthly Permitted Output he shall pay on demand to the Trustees by way of penalty a sum equal to three shillings for every ton of such excess unless the Executive Board determine that such excess has not endangered, delayed or hindered the purposes or objects of the Scheme or the interests of any coalowner in the District:

Provided that if any such excess is not more than one per centum above Monthly Permitted Output no such penalty shall be payable.

(b) All penalties payable under this Clause shall forthwith be collected by the Trustees from the Coalowner or Coalowners so indebted and the amounts so collected shall be paid into and become part of the District Fund.

(c) In addition to any monetary penalty payable under this Clause, an excess tonnage may be carried forward and debited against the Coalowner concerned in a subsequent month or months as the Quota Committee shall decide:

Provided that in the event of coal being raised at any coal mine or undertaking referred to in Clause 15 (10) (b) of the Scheme in any month in excess of the quota tonnage of such coal mine or undertaking for that month, such excess shall at the discretion of the Committee be carried forward and debited against the quota tonnage of the coal mine or undertaking in such subsequent month or months as the Committee shall decide without prejudice to the payment of any penalty incurred under this Clause; or alternatively, may be pooled with the unraised shortage of other coal mines not being mines referred to in Clause 15 (10) (b) of the Scheme belonging to the same undertaking.

(d) Every determination of the Executive Board which imposes a penalty under this Clause shall be expressed in a certificate in writing to the Trustees under the hands of the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Board.

19. PENALTIES FOR REFUSAL TO RENDER RETURNS, ETC.

(a) Any Coalowner who omits to render to the Executive Board any return, account or information required or prescribed by the Board under the provisions of the Scheme and after notice in writing from the Secretary

fails to furnish such return, account or information within the seven days next following the date of such notice, shall pay to the Board the following penalties:—

(i) In respect of the first seven days of such default a sum not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ d. (one farthing) per ton per day or his quarter's output as last ascertained or, if such output is not known, on a fourth of his annual standard tonnage;

(ii) In the event of such default continuing beyond the first seven days, for each day of such continued default a sum not exceeding twice the sum contributable in respect of each of the first seven days.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the amount of any penalty payable under the provisions of this Clause the default shall be regarded as commencing on the first day after the expiration of the said seven days next following the date of the notice as aforesaid from the Secretary.

(c) Any Coalowner who neglects to afford or refuses or allows to be refused the inspection of his books by an accountant duly authorised on behalf of the Executive Board:—

(i) for the purpose of verifying any return, account or other information required by the Board, or

(ii) for the purpose of supplying any other information to the Board that they may require in connection with their functions under the Scheme,

shall pay to the Board a penalty not exceeding £20 (twenty pounds) for each day of such neglect or refusal.

(d) All penalties imposed by the Executive Board under this Clause shall be recoverable by the Board through the Trustees and shall be paid, as and when received, into the District Fund.

20. CLASSIFICATION OF COAL AND DETERMINATION OF MINIMUM PRICES.

Classification and Price Regulation.

For the purpose of determining from time to time the class to which any coal produced in the District belongs for any purpose and the prices below which every class of coal produced in the District may not be sold or supplied and for securing that the actual consideration obtained by the sale or supply of the several classes of coal shall not be less in value than the price so determined, the Executive Board shall forthwith put into immediate operation the Regulations contained in the Schedule hereto. The said Schedule shall be deemed to be part of the Scheme for all the purposes thereof.

21. NOTICES.

Posting of Notices, etc.

Every letter, notice or circular relating to the affairs of the Scheme which shall be sent by post to any Coalowner addressed at the address of such Coalowner for the time being appearing in the books of the Scheme shall be deemed to have been received on the day on which according to the ordinary course of post the same ought to have been delivered,