(4) The Board may borrow money for the purpose of exercising their functions under the Scheme in such manner, on such terms and on such security as they may arrange.

(5) The Trustees may from time to time transfer to a separate Banking Account such moneys as are required for the working expenses and for proper outgoings of the Board and the Selling Committee relating to the sale of coal, and may authorise the Board or two or more members or officers thereof to operate such Account.

(6) The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of all moneys received and expended by them and by any other person on their behalf and of the matters to which such receipts and expenditure relate, and of all the assets, credits and liabilities of the Board.

(7) The books of account shall be kept at such place as the Board shall from time to time direct.

(8) At the annual general meeting of the Owners in every year the Board shall lay before the Owners the profit and loss account, and an audited balance sheet containing a summary of the assets and liabilities under the Scheme, made up to a date not more than three months before the date of the meeting.

(9) Auditors of the District Fund shall be appointed by the Owners at the annual general meeting and the audited accounts of the District Fund shall be presented at each annual general meeting, when the auditors shall be re-appointed or other auditors appointed in their place.

Reserve Accounts.

67.—(1) An account of the profits or losses on the operation of the Scheme shall be prepared in each year and certified by the auditors of the District Fund. Such account shall be, in the case of the first account, for the period since the first day of August, 1936, and in any other case for the period since the preceding account. For such purpose moneys paid by way of levies shall not be included in the receipts. Such profits or losses shall be divided proportionately to the respective tonnages of coal from their coal mines supplied by the Owners to the Board in the period to which the account relates and the amounts thus calculated for each coal mine shall be the share of the Owner thereof in such profits or losses:

Provided that in such period where supplies of coal from the coal mine of an Owner were available but were not required by the Selling Committee, then a tonnage to be fixed by the Board not exceeding the sum of the monthly basic tonnages of that coal mine during that period, shall be substituted for the tonnage actually supplied by him for the purposes of this division.

(2) The Board shall cause to be kept a Reserve Account for each Owner to which the share of that Owner in any such profits or losses and any moneys paid to the Owner under the following provisions shall be credited or debited as the case may be.

(3) If the sum standing to the credit of the Reserve Account of any Owner is insufficient to defray his share in any such losses, he shall forthwith pay to the Board the balance due.

(4) The Board may, if at any time they decide that the balance credited to the District Fund is greater than is required for the purposes of the Scheme, distribute any part of the sums standing at the credit of their Reserve Accounts to the Owners. The amounts distributed to the Owners shall be proportionate to the amounts standing to the credit of their respective Reserve Accounts at the date of distribution.

(5) Any Owner who abandons his coal mine or becomes bankrupt, or in the case of a Company enters into a liquidation other than a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of reconstruction, shall be liable to pay or be entitled to receive the balance then at the debit or credit of his Reserve Account.

Settlement of Accounts.

68. The Board shall send an account to each Owner showing the sums due from the Board to that Owner and from that Owner to the Board in connection with the supply of coal to the Board by that Owner in each month. Such account shall be sent not later than the last day of the following month and the Board shall not later than that day pay 85 per cent. of the sum shown on the balance of such account to the Owner and shall pay the remainder of such balance not later than the fourteenth day of the month next following:

Provided that the Board may by agreement with any Owner pay the amount thus shown within other periods or in other proportions, or pay for supplies of coal in respect of shorter periods than one month.

Returns.

69.—(1) Every Owner shall furnish to the Board, or any person authorised by the Board in that behalf, in such manner as the Board may prescribe, such statements, returns, accounts, and other information, certified by the Owner, his manager, or accounting officer, or a person authorised to act on his behalf, as the Board may think fit to require for the purposes of their functions under the Scheme.

(2) In order that the Board may be able to verify any statement, return, account or other information furnished to them by any Owner, or for the purpose of enabling the Board to secure any information that they consider necessary for the exercise or performance of any of their functions under the Scheme, any Owner shall, on demand from the Board, produce the books and accounts relating to his coal mine for the inspection of an accountant authorised by the Board, who shall report to the Board on the results of his inspection.

(3) Any person appointed for that purpose by the Board or the Selling Committee may at any time inspect and take samples of coal of any commercial description which is supplied to the Board and any seam from which such coal is obtained, and may inspect any process used in the preparation of such coal and the weighing and despatch thereof. Every Owner shall give all facilities required for such inspection including the production of any books and records.