

far as practicable to accommodate the consumer and safeguard the Coalowner concerned against claims for liability for breach of contract.

(14) For the purpose of facilitating the operation of the provisions of this Clause the Selling Agent may with the unanimous consent of all the Coalowners in the group and subject to the provisions of the Scheme enter into agreements with any other Selling Agent as to the terms and conditions of the supply or sale of the external coal of the Coalowners of the group.

(15) Each Selling Agent shall so far as practicable sell the various classes of the external coal of each Coalowner of the group in the same proportions as the same were sold in the preceding year.

*Excluded Works.*

21.—(1) Any Coalowner who claims at any time to be the Owner of or to control or to be controlled by the Owner of any works and who desires to supply coal to those works shall notify the Executive Board and shall give such information about those works and the connection between those works and his coal mine as the Board may require. If the Board considers any such claim established the Board shall declare that those works are excluded works of that Coalowner for the purposes of the Scheme.

(2) If at any time the Executive Board shall be satisfied that a Coalowner no longer either controls or is the Owner of or is controlled by the Owner of any excluded works or that the qualities of coal required by that works cannot be produced from the coal mine of such Coalowner the Board shall declare that those works shall cease to be excluded works.

(3) Where in pursuance of the provisions of sub-clause (1) of this Clause the Executive Board has declared any works to be excluded works of any Coalowner the Executive Board shall prior to the commencement of each calendar month determine the tonnage of coal which may be supplied in such month from the coal mine of that Coalowner for consumption in his excluded works.

(4) Such monthly tonnage shall be determined having regard to the tonnage of coal supplied from the coal mine in the corresponding month of the previous year for consumption in those works; to the prospective demand for coal from the coal mine for consumption in those works; and to any other relevant circumstances.

(5) Any Coalowner shall upon notice given to him by the Executive Board furnish in writing within the period specified in the notice any information required to assist the Board in any determination of such monthly tonnages.

*Constitution, Powers, and Duties of Sectional Co-ordinating Committees.*

22.—(1) The Coalowners of each group in each Section shall appoint the General Manager of the Selling Agent of such group as their Representative upon a Sectional Co-ordinating Committee and all the Representatives of the groups in the Section so appointed shall together with any other person or persons nominated by the Coalowners of the Section

and appointed by the Executive Board constitute the Sectional Co-ordinating Committee for that Section with the functions in this Clause defined.

(2) Each Selling Agent in the Section shall appoint a substitute Representative to attend meetings of the Committee as a member thereof in the absence of the Representative appointed under sub-clause (1) of this Clause, such substitute Representative to be an officer of the Selling Agency of the group which appointed the Representative.

(3) The staff required by each Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall be nominated by that Committee but shall be appointed and paid by the Executive Board, who shall also provide and pay for the necessary offices, furniture, and office equipment for the Committees and shall defray the expenses of carrying on the work of the Committees.

(4) Each Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall nominate an Officer to be known as the "Sectional Officer" who shall be appointed and paid by the Executive Board. The Sectional Officer shall attend all meetings of the District Co-ordinating Committee hereinafter constituted but shall have no power to vote thereat, and shall among his duties:—

(a) act as Secretary to the Sectional Co-ordinating Committee;

(b) act as liaison officer between his Committee and the Sectional Co-ordinating Committees of the other Sections;

(c) give all possible assistance to the Executive Board and the District Co-ordinating Committee in connection with all matters concerning the sale of all external coal produced by the Coalowners of his Section; and

(d) generally carry out the instructions of the Committee and of the District Co-ordinating Committee.

(5) Meetings of each Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall be held as and when required, but any Selling Agent in a Section shall be entitled at any time to require the Sectional Officer to convene on short notice a Meeting of his Sectional Committee.

(6) A quorum at meetings of the Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall be a majority of members of the Committee and a chairman shall be elected at each Meeting from those present.

(7) Voting at Meetings of the Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall be by show of hands only, and any member of the Committee shall be entitled to refer any matter as to which he is in disagreement with the Committee for decision by the District Co-ordinating Committee.

(8) The functions of each Sectional Co-ordinating Committee shall, subject to the directions of the Executive Board given either directly or through the District Co-ordinating Committee, be to control direct and co-ordinate the sales of external coal made by all the Selling Agents within the Section concerned. With the object of obtaining the highest price reasonably possible for every class of external coal produced by the Coalowners of the Section the Committee shall issue directions to the Selling Agents within the Section, as to the price or prices below which every class or grade of external coal of the Coalowners of