WAGES COUNCILS ACTS, 1945 to 1948.

BRUSH AND BROOM WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN).

The Brush and Broom Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for the fixing of statutory minimum remuneration in substitution for the statutory

minimum remuneration in substitution for the statutory minimum remuneration in substitution for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Brush and Broom Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order 1946 (Order M.(59) as amended by the Brush and Broom Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Order M.(64)). Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representations with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within fourteen days from 8th February, 1949. Any such representation should be signed by the person making the same (adding his or her address) and sent to the Secretary, The Brush and Broom Wages Council (Great Britain), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28, Broadway, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise grounds of their objections.

Z. T. Claro, Secretary.

7th February, 1949.

COAL INDUSTRY NATIONALISATION ACT, 1946.

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The Central Valuation Board constituted by the Minister of Fuel and Power under section 12 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, and the Regulations made thereunder, have made the Central Valuation Board Apportionment Certificate, 1949 (S.I. 1949 No. 176).

Copies of the Certificate may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast, or through any bookseller.

Control Valuation Board, 10, Ennismore Gardens, London, S.W.7. 3rd February, 1949.

Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1,

8th February, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:

Albert Medal.

Boy First Class Alfred Raymond Lowe, P/JX 819579,

for gallantry in attempting to save life at sea. At 2245 hours on 17th October 1948 a liberty boat returning from Weymouth Pier to H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS in Portland Harbour overturned and sank 50 to 100 yards from the ship's stern, with 51 men on board. Boy Lowe was trapped under the canopy, struggled free and surfaced. He saw a lifebelt a short distance from him which had been thrown from H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS and swam to it. He then removed his overcoat and shoes and swam towards the ship. When he was under the stern a line was thrown to him. At this moment he heard a faint cry of "Help" and on looking round saw that a Midshipman who was about ten yards away, was in great difficulty.

He grabbed the line and swam to the Midshipman who was unconscious by the time he reached him. He endeavoured to turn him over to keep his head above water but found this impossible and still holding him was pulled to the ship's side. A fog buoy was then lowered and he managed to drag the Midshipman on to this and to hold on to him until for gallantry in attempting to save life at sea.

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The accident took place in eight fathoms of water, in a rough sea with a strong wind blowing.

Although the Midshipman subsequently died, Boy Lowe acted with complete disregard for his own life in leaving his place of safety in an attempt to save him. His action in endangering his own life in this accident in which 29 men lost their lives was in accordance with the highest traditions of the Royal Navy Royal Navy.

Civil Service Commission,

8th February, 1949.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

TEMPORARY (RECONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF ASSISTANT KEEPERS (CLASS II) SCIENCE MUSEUM, MINISTRY OF **EDUCATION.**

Qualifications.

1. The Competition will be open to both men and

2. Candidates must be at least 22 years of age on 1st April, 1949, and must as a rule have been born on or after 2nd April, 1914, but the Ministry will be prepared to consider the appointment of exceptionally

prepared to consider the appointment of exceptionally well qualified candidates somewhat above this age limit. In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will in any case be made:—

(a) Any candidate who served in the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force before 3rd September, 1939, will be eligible if born on or after a date which precedes the 2nd April, 1914, by a period equal to the length of such service.

(b) Candidates who have served in any established civil situation to which they were admitted with a certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding two years which they may have spent in such service. in such service.

3. Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at the time of death a British subject; or
(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

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(b) If naturalised British subjects they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) and (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

4.—(a) Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g. the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

(b) No person who is undergoing a course of study the the aid of a grant from public funds shall be

with the aid of a grant from public tunds shall be eligible to compete under these Regulations before the completion of the course, unless he or she has previously obtained permission to do so from the authority which administers the grant.

5. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have received such systematic education, general or technical, or general and technical together, as in their opinion fits them for the nost. In general candidates should either (a) technical together, as in their opinion his them for the post. In general, candidates should either (a) possess a university honours degree or equivalent qualification, or (b) have spent at least one academic year in whole time study at a university and be able to produce evidence satisfactory to the Civil Service Commissioners that they might reasonably have expected to or might be expected to obtain an honours degree or equivalent qualification. In special cases the Commissioners may waive this requirement, if satisfied on other grounds as to the candidates' educational fitness. The Commissioners may submit any or all of the candidates to a qualifying examina-tion to test such education, or any part of it. Post-graduate experience will be a desirable qualification. 6. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Com-missioners as to their health and character.

The Ministry of Education will take such steps as they think most appropriate to make known the existence of any vacancy or vacancies which they desire to fill and the Civil Service Commissioners