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FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.

DETERMINATION of Special Board appointed to determine the Lowest Price or Rate of Payment which may be paid to any person for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, all articles of Women's and Girls' Underclothing (except Stays and Corsets), also Nightgowns, Blouses, Pinafores, Aprons, and Infants' Gowns and Underclothing.

The Board has fixed Monday, the 26th day of June, 1899, as the date from which the following Determination shall come into force :—

WAGES.

That the lowest rate of wages to be paid to persons, other than apprentices or improvers, shall be 4d. (Fourpence) per hour, and a proportionate amount for any time less than an hour.

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

That the number of apprentices or improvers who may be employed in any factory or work-room shall not exceed—

- Either (a) One apprentice and one improver to each worker; or
- (b) Two apprentices to each worker; or
- (c) Two improvers to each worker.

In this clause no person shall be deemed a worker unless such worker receives either piece-work rates or a wage of not less than 4d. (Fourpence) per hour.

Rate of wages to be paid to apprentices or improvers shall not be less than—

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| 2s. 6d. per week for first six months at the trade | } For first year. |
| 4s. per week for second six months at the trade | |
| 6s. 6d. per week for second year at the trade. | |
| 9s. per week for third year at the trade. | |
| 12s. per week for fourth year at the trade. | |
| 15s. per week for fifth year at the trade, and at the expiration thereof not less than 16s. per week or 4d. per hour. | |

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PIECE-WORK RATES.

The manufacture of womens', girls', and infants' underclothing comprises so many different kinds or classes of garments, and each class may be made in so many different qualities, and the making of each complete garment of any class or quality may represent so many separate operations, which operations may be performed by hand or machine, that the Board has found it necessary to permit the individual employer to calculate the piece-work price or rate to be paid to any particular worker from the general Determination following :—

The piece-work price which shall be paid for making complete each and every garment of each particular class, also the piece-work price which shall be paid for performing each separate operation comprised in the manufacture of such garment, and the piece-work price for all or any work connected with the making of each garment, shall be at the least such a sum as will enable an average worker to earn 4d. (Fourpence) per hour labouring under similar conditions.

NOTE.—Cotton and all other materials of which garments are composed must be supplied to the worker by the employer free of charge, in order that piece-work prices or wages rates payable shall be net.

M. BALFE, Chairman.

5th June, 1899.