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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE GAS METER BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, business, or occupation of making or repairing gas meters has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 29th day of March, 1917, the last and all previous Determinations of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2) Apprentices or Improvers.		Other Employees.	
WAGES.		WAGES.	
	Per week of 48 hours.		Per week of 48 hours.
1st year—		Foreman in charge of five or more men—	
1st six months	10s.	1st year's experience as such	82s.
2nd	12s. 6d.	Thereafter	90s.
2nd year	17s. 6d.	Meter makers or repairers	72s.
3rd year	25s.	Prepayment meter attachment maker	72s.
4th year	35s.	Caster of gratings and covers	72s.
5th year	45s.	Head tester (where four or more other testers are employed)	78s.
Proportions (within any place).		Other testers	69s.
Apprentices.		Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed)	75s.
One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 60s. per week of 48 hours.		Other diaphragm tiers	65s.
Improvers.		Diaphragm cutter	65s.
One improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 60s. per week of 48 hours.		Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash-boxmakers	68s.
NOTE.—An indenture of apprenticeship proscribed was approved on 24th February, 1914.		All others	60s.

- (3) **Time of Beginning and Ending Work** { Time of Beginning. 7.30 a.m. Time of Ending. 12 noon on Saturdays, and 5.15 p.m. on the other working days of the week.
- (4) **Overtime.**—All work done outside the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work, or within such hours in excess of 48 hours in any week, shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.
- (5) **Special Rates for Sundays and Public Holidays.**—All work done on Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, or Eight Hours Day (21st April), shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and on New Year's Day, Foundation Day (26th January), Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, King's Birthday (3rd June), or Boxing Day, at the rate of time and a half, but if any other day be, by Act of Parliament or Proclamation, substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall be only payable for work done on the day so substituted.

PIECE-WORK PRICES.

6. That the lowest piece-work prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be:—

MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS.

	Lights.					
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.
<i>Ordinary Meters.</i>						
Making "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts .. .. .	..	5 9 0	6 2 8	7 6 6	..	..
Making "P. and C." pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	4 12 4½	4 15 7½	5 7 7	6 10 4½	9 9 1	..
Making "T.G." pattern meters, as follows:—						
(a) Making the case, i.e., soldering sides to bottom; soldering in partition; soldering in valve plate; soldering boss and stud into pipe; soldering on pipes; putting throat pieces in; putting on bottom studs; soldering side stuffing boxes on; putting on guides; soldering on diaphragms and discs; soldering metal tee to tin tee; sweating tin tee to rod wire and putting them in; sounding leathers; putting in motions; stuffing side boxes; oiling motions and tees; soldering on galleries and backs and fronts; putting on maker's badge	per job of 20 £ s. d. 2 15 8	per job of 20 £ s. d. 2 15 8	per job of 20 £ s. d. 3 5 0	per job of 20 £ s. d. 3 18 9	per job of 10 £ s. d. 2 16 8	..
(b) Putting arms on crank; soldering in bridge; soldering center stuffing box into cock plate; soldering cock plate to bridge; stuff-center box; fitting up worm, back stop, and tangent; putting in index, spindle, and stop; soldering on door and top arms; cleaning out and buffing gratings and covers; putting on valve nuts and soldering in back plates; topping meter, and putting on inlet badge and seal ring	1 3 3	1 3 3	1 5 9	1 14 7	1 5 11	..

MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS.

	Lights.	
	3	5
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.
Making "P and C" pattern, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers after leaving moulds; putting on pins and wires; tinning all parts; soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge; soldering in prepayment valve; soldering top on prepayment valve box; soldering prepayment valve box to meter; soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same; soldering on lever; soldering on circular box, prepayment movement, and index; soldering on side cash box; soldering hasp to catch piece; soldering catch piece to meter; edging front of money box and attaching same to box; soldering on ring and tab to front of money box; soldering seal cup; soldering in bottom of money box; trying coins in circular box; soldering on direction badge; but not including the following, viz.:— Forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges and back plates; punching cock plate and folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	6 0 7½	6 19 1

MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS—continued.

	Mark 1, i.e., Meter with Shut-off Valve under Back Plate.	Mark 2, i.e., Meter with Shut-off Valve in Square Box at the Inlet End of Valve Plate.	Mark 3, i.e., Meter with Shut-off Valve on Tin Platform, and enclosed in Angle Box at the Inlet End of Valve Plate.	Mark 4, i.e., Making up 5-light Slot Meters with Second Hand Slot Movements.
	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.
Making "Met" pattern, as follows:—				
(a) Preparing gratings after leaving the mould; putting on pins and wires; forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates and folding edge; and breaking edge of side pipes	6 2 8	6 5 0	6 0 6	6 6 6
(b) Putting in prepayment fittings, index, and spindle; and putting on index door, outside box, and wires	0 16 6	0 16 6	..	..
(c) Putting in prepayment fittings, index, and spindle; putting on index door, outside box, and wires; tinning outside box and handle attachment; and filing slot in bearing .. .. .	..	..	0 17 4	..

MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

	Lights.							
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.
	per job of 400 rims and 200 discs. £ s. d.	per job of 620 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 680 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 460 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.
Making rims and discs	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	..	..
Making rims .. .. .	..	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	3 12 7	..	..
Making discs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	per doz. discs. £ s. d. 0 3 0	per doz. discs. £ s. d. 0 4 6	0 10 7	0 10 7

TESTING METERS.

	2, 3, 5, or 10 Lights.
	per doz. meters. s. d.
Testing, including sounding, soldering tangents, and pinning arms:—	
Repaired meters	4 10
Other meters	4 9
Testing meters for measurement only	1 9½

WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

	2, 3, or 5 Lights.
	per pair s. d.
Wiring or tying diaphragms	0 6

MAKING METER CASH BOXES AND HANDLES.

Making prepayment meter cash boxes from out-out material	5s. 10½d. per hundred.
Making prepayment meter handles	10s. 5½d. per dozen.

EXTRAS.

	2 Lights.	3 Lights.	5 Lights.	10 Lights.	20 Lights.
Putting on:—	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Frame and door ..	4 6 for ten ..	4 6 for ten ..	4 6 for ten ..	4 6 for ten ..	4 6 for ten
Motion wires ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	4 6 ..
Bottom and studs ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	11 3 ..
Bridge ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	9 0 ..
Rod arms ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	4 6 ..
New glass ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..
Valve arms ..	1 8½ ..	1 8½ ..	1 8½ ..	1 8½ ..	1 8½ ..
Throat pieces ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	..
Side chambers ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	..
Valve box covers ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	..
New sides ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	..
Divisions ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	15 2 ..	..
Half-valve plate ..	15 9 ..	16 10½ ..	18 0 ..	19 1½ ..	20 3 for ten
New door ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..	1 1½ ..
Tees ..	6 9 for ten pairs	6 9 for ten pairs	6 9 for ten pairs	6 9 for ten pairs	9 0 for ten pairs
Pipes ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	6 9 ..	13 6 ..
Galleries ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	9 0 ..	11 3 ..
Guides ..	2 3 for ten sets	2 3 for ten sets	2 3 for ten sets	2 3 for ten sets	2 3 for ten sets
Feet ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	2 3 ..	6 9 ..
Taking off and putting on small square fronts	..	..	..	..	4 6 for ten
Making new front, back, and top ..	3 4½ for ten ..	3 4½ for ten ..	3 4½ for ten ..	3 4½ for ten ..	22 6 ..
Setting index to zero, taking back plate off, re-stuffing and clean- ing valves ..	13 6 ..	15 9 ..	15 9 ..	16 10½ ..	20 3 ..
Taking off and putting on back and front only ..	9 0 ..	10 1½ ..	10 1½ ..	11 3 ..	15 9 ..
Opening meter and con- demning ..	9 0 ..	10 1½ ..	10 1½ ..	10 1½ ..	13 6 ..
Piecing cases ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..	3 4½ ..

GUILLOTINE OR HAND-PRESS WORK.

Cutting with guillotine, rolling, and forming with press:—	
Backs and fronts ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 7d. per hundred.
Tops ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 4d. "
Cutting with guillotine and press, and forming:—	
Sides ..	.. .. .. .. .. 11½d. "
Bottoms ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 4d. "
Valve plates ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 4d. "
Partitions ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 4½d. "
Galleries ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 1½d. "
Cutting with guillotine, and pressing (double handed)—	
Top and bottom rims, 3 and 5 lights	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 2½d. "
Cutting with press, and forming:—	
Money boxes ..	.. .. .. .. .. 1s. 3½d. "
Cutting with guillotine and press:—	
Discs, 10 lights ..	.. .. .. .. .. 10d. "

E. NOTLEY MOORE, P.M.,
Chairman.

Melbourne, 26th day of February, 1917.

