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UNEMPLOYMENT.

His Excellency, with the approval of Tynwald, has:—

- (1) Appointed a Registration Officer for duties in connection with the compilation of a register of unemployed men, and to act as Secretary of the Committee referred to in (2) hereof. Address—Drill Hall, Douglas.
- (2) Appointed the following Committee to advise him on matters connected with the registration of unemployed men, and to decide cases referred to them by the Registration Officer:—

Mr. Mark Carine, J.P., Douglas. (Chairman).
Mr. E. H. Corkill, J.P., Derby Road, Peel.
Mr. J. H. Cowley, Railway Terrace, Douglas.
Mr. T. B. Cowley, J.P., Ramsey.
Mr. F. H. Crowe, Erinville, Kirk Michael.
Mr. R. F. Douglas, J.P., Douglas.
Mr. A. D. Kenna, c/o The Nunnery, Douglas.
Mr. T. Q. Kennaugh, Ballabeg, Arbory.
Mr. T. E. Kneen, Andreas.

- (3) Made the following Rules for the registration, etc., of unemployed men:—

(a) **Qualifications for Admission to the Register.**

- i. **Men physically and mentally fit for ordinary employment**, either married or with dependents, having a settlement in the Isle of Man, and who have satisfied the Registration Officer that they have made every endeavour to obtain private employment and have been unable to find work of any description at a reasonable wage.
- ii. Single men over the age of 22—**physically and mentally fit for ordinary employment** — without dependents and unable to emigrate, and who satisfy the conditions laid down under (a) (i).
- iii. Ex-Service men certified by the Naval and Military War Pensions Committee for the Isle of Man as being physically unfit through war service for heavy manual labour, but fit for light employment.

(b) **Procedure in regard to Registration.**

- i. Registration of seasonal workers shall commence on the 1st October, except in the case of agricultural workers, when it shall commence on the 12th November.
- ii. Applicants who appear to satisfy the qualifications for admission to the register shall not be registered until the Registration Officer has referred the case in each instance to the Poor Law Authority of the district in which the applicant resides for local inquiry and confirmation of the information supplied by the applicant.
- iii. The date of registration shall be the date on which application for registration is received by the Registration Officer.

(c) **Employment.**

- i. Employment on Government-aided schemes will not be available until the expiration of a waiting period of four weeks commencing from the date of registration, except in the case of men (other than agricultural workers) who remain in private employment up to and beyond the 1st November, who shall be eligible for work, if available, without serving a waiting period.
- ii. Married men with dependent children will have priority for employment over Single men with no dependants.
- iii. The employment period on Government-aided schemes will be confined to between 1st November and 31st March.

(d) **Relief Pay when Employment cannot be found.**

- i. On the expiration of a waiting period of four weeks from the date of registration, Relief pay to registered men for whom employment cannot be found will be provided by the Poor Law Authority of the district in which the unemployed man has a settlement, at the following scale:—

12/- per week for men.

5/- per week for wife or adult dependant.

2/- per week for each dependent child under 14 years of age, or up to the age of 16 years if in full time attendance at a day school.

With a maximum payment in respect of each family or household of 27/- per week.

- ii. The Registration Officer will submit to the Poor Law Authorities the names and dates of registration of registered men belonging to the respective districts for whom work has not been provided.
- iii. Poor Law Authorities will notify the Registration Officer, whenever a man in receipt of Relief pay obtains private work of a continuous character, and the Registration Officer will thereupon note the fact in the register and his Relief pay will cease.
- iv. Where Poor Law Authorities are in possession of information that a registered man is in receipt of money from other sources, they will take steps to reduce the Relief pay by the amount of such private means, and will advise the Registration Officer accordingly. The amount to be allowed as the earnings of other members of a family to be in the absolute discretion of the Poor Law Authority, who, in computing such amount, shall have regard to the following facts:—
 - (i) That such earnings are primarily available to maintain the person who earns them, and should not be regarded as the income of the parent except in so far as the person ought to contribute towards the household support over and above his or her own maintenance, and
 - (ii) The income of the family for the whole year in relation to the cost of maintaining the household.
- v. Where a man in receipt of Relief pay obtains casual work for one or more days, the Poor Law Authority shall allow such earnings up to a maximum of 10/- without deduction from his Relief pay where such Authority considers it advisable to do so, and may in the case of a disability pension awarded to an ex-Service man allow such pension up to an income of 10/- without deduction from the relief pay where the Authority considers it advisable so to do. And in the case of Navy and Army Reserve pay, such pay may be regarded as casual earnings in respect of which an allowance up to 10s. may be made. In the exercise of their discretion in this connection Poor Law Authorities should endeavour to encourage men to work by allowing them to retain, at any rate, some proportion of the wages earned. In the event of a registered man being dissatisfied with the decision of the Poor Law Authority, he may appeal to the Old Age Pensions and National Health Insurance Board.

- vi. Where a registered man drawing Relief pay refuses to accept work, either with a private employer at a reasonable wage, or under Government-aided schemes, his name shall be removed from the register and his Relief pay stopped.
- vii. When a registered man obtains employment, otherwise than through the Registration Officer, he shall, within a period of 48 hours, furnish the Registration Officer with full particulars of such employment. Failure to do so will disqualify a registered man for future registration.

(e) **Financial.**

- i. Clerks to Poor Law Authorities will submit monthly to the Government Treasurer a list of the names and addresses, together with the payments made in each case, of the men relieved by them under these rules.
- ii. A Government Contribution of 50 per cent. of the cost of the payments made by the Poor Law Authorities in the relief of registered unemployed men, in pursuance of the scale specified in clause 3 (d) (i) hereof, will be defrayed by the Government Treasurer out of moneys provided by Tynwald.
- iii. Where a Poor Law Authority proves to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor that the payments made in respect of Unemployment Relief pay impose undue hardship on local rate-payers, the Lieutenant-Governor may authorise the Government Treasurer to increase to a maximum of 75 per cent. the Government contributions referred to in (e) (i) above.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEANT,

Government Secretary and Treasurer.

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