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AGRICULTURAL (PLOUGHING GRANT) SCHEME.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has prepared a Scheme (of copy of which is appended) for the purpose of giving effect to the Resolution of Tynwald, passed on the 2nd April, 1940, whereby Tynwald approved in principle of a grant of £2 per acre being paid in respect of land brought into cultivation which had been not less than seven years in grass.

Tynwald approved the Scheme on the

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day of

June

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By Order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,
Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man.

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1. (1) The Treasurer of the Isle of Man out of monies provided by Tynwald shall pay grants subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme in respect of the ploughing up between the 1st April, 1940, and the 31st March, 1941, of land in the Isle of Man then under grass, and the bringing of the land into a state of cleanliness and fertility.

(2) A grant in respect of the matters aforesaid (in this Scheme referred to as a "ploughing grant" may be made only in respect of land as to which, on an application being duly made for the grant, the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Board of Agriculture—

- (a) that the land has been ploughed up during a period beginning not earlier than the 1st day of April, 1940, and ending not later than the 31st day of March, 1941 ;
- (b) that at the time when the ploughing up was begun the land had been under grass for a period of seven years or more ;
- (c) that after the ploughing up thereof the land has been, or is being or will be dealt with in such manner, whether by fallowing, direct re-seeding, sowing such a catch crop as is hereinafter mentioned, or otherwise howsoever, as is in the opinion of the Board calculated to bring the land into a state of cleanliness and fertility ;
- (d) that the land either (i) was capable of being substantially improved, in respect of fitness for re-seeding or re-introduction into a suitable rotation, by being ploughed up and dealt with as aforesaid, and would be capable of producing satisfactory arable crops for harvesting in the year 1941 or the next following year, or (ii) was capable of being substantially improved by being re-seeded to grass and has been or will have been so re-seeded in accordance with regulations made by the Board before such date in the year in which it was ploughed up or the next following year, as may be specified in the regulations ; and
- (e) that such other conditions as may be prescribed (either generally or in relation to any class of land) by regulations made by the Board are satisfied in relation to the land.

(3) Land on which a catch crop has been sown after the ploughing up thereof shall not be treated as having been dealt with as mentioned in paragraph (c) of the last preceding subsection unless the crop was sown with the approval of the Board or was of a kind approved generally by the Board for sowing on land of the class to which the land in question belongs.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the rate at which a ploughing grant may be made shall be one pound for each half acre of such land as is mentioned in subsection (2) of the last preceding section.

(2) Such a grant shall not be made

- (a) in respect of any such land as aforesaid comprised in a farm, if the total area of such land comprised in the farm is less than one acre in extent ; or
- (b) in respect of any parcel of such land as aforesaid which is not comprised in a farm, if the area of the parcel is less than one acre in extent.

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(3) In computing the amount of such a grant in respect of any such land comprised in a farm, or in respect of any parcel of land not so comprised, if the total area of such land so comprised, or the area of the parcel as the case may be, is not an exact number of half acres, the odd fraction of a half acre shall be disregarded.

3. (1) A ploughing grant to be made in respect of any land shall be made to the person at whose expense the land has been ploughed up, and has been or is being or is to be dealt with as aforesaid, or, if one or more of those operations has been or is being or is to be carried out at the expense of one person and one or more of them at the expense of another person, shall be divided amongst them in such proportions as the Board may direct :

Persons to whom ploughing grants may be made and applications therefor.

Provided that, where a payment in respect of such a grant would, if it had been a debt which had accrued due at the time when any such operation as aforesaid was carried out to the person at whose expense it were carried out, be properly payable to some other person, otherwise than by virtue of an assignment, the payment may be made to that other person.

(2) The determination of the Board as to any question arising under the preceding subsection shall be conclusive for the purposes of this Scheme.

(3) The Treasurer shall not be authorised to make any such grant unless an application therefor has been made to the Board by the person to whom the grant may be made or by a person to whom a part thereof may be paid on a division thereof, being an application in such form, and containing particulars with respect to such matters and verified in such manner, as the Board may require.

4. The Board shall certify to the Treasurer the persons to whom and the amounts respectively payable to such persons under the provisions of this Scheme.

5. For the purpose of obtaining information required in connection with this Scheme, the Board may authorise any person to inspect any agricultural land in respect of which a ploughing grant has been applied for or made.

6. Notwithstanding anything in the Agricultural Returns Act, 1929, any return made under that Act may be used by the Board for the purpose of this Scheme.

7. For the purpose of this Scheme "ploughing" includes any means of breaking up land which in the opinion of the Board has substantially the same effect as ploughing ; "agricultural land" means any land used as arable, meadow, or pasture ground, or for the purpose of poultry farming, market gardens, nursery grounds, orchards, or allotments.