

pedient that a further enquiry shall be held, respecting the cause of such accident.

(6.) When such Special Examiner holds an enquiry on the body of any person whose death has been caused by an explosion or accident, of which notice is required by this Act to be given to the Commissioner and Deputy Inspector, he shall immediately notify the Deputy Inspector for the district, of his intention to hold such enquiry and fix a time and place therefor. Where the Deputy Inspector is unable to attend such enquiry at the time fixed, the Special Examiner shall adjourn such enquiry whenever practicable to enable the Inspector, Deputy Inspector or some other properly qualified person appointed by the Commissioner to be present at the enquiry.

(7.) The Special Examiner, at least four days before holding the adjourned enquiry, shall send to the Commissioner or to the Deputy Inspector for the district, notice in writing of the time and place of holding such adjourned enquiry.

(8.) The Inspector, Deputy Inspector, or such other person so appointed or a person appointed by the workmen of the mine at which the accident occurred, shall be at liberty at any such enquiry to examine any witnesses, subject nevertheless to the order of the Special Examiner.

(9.) Such Special Examiners appointed under the provisions of this Section shall be paid for every enquiry into the cause of any accident in any mine resulting in death, the sum of \$———

(10.) Except as is otherwise provided, all fees, remuneration and expenses incurred by the said Special Examiner in connection with any enquiry and report shall be paid out of the Provincial Treasury.

(11.) Such Special Examiners for the purpose of making an enquiry shall have the power to summon any witnesses who may be able to give expert testimony as to the cause of the accident or as to whether there was any defect in or about the mine in which the accident occurred. The Special Examiner may fix a special fee to be paid such expert witnesses.

(12.) Every person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

By order in council of 20th March, the Minister of Trade and Commerce issues new orders with reference to the importation, production and distribution of fuel. The following form parts of the new order:

Provincial.

(2.) The Government of each of the Provinces of Canada may appoint a Provincial Fuel Administrator or Board of Administrators for such province and may create such central provincial organization as may be deemed necessary. Any expense so incurred shall be borne by each Province.

(3.) The duties of Fuel Administrators shall be:—

(a) To supervise the distribution of all coal and other fuel imported into or made available within such Province.

(e) To promote within the Province the great-

est development of any coal areas available.

(f) Generally to assist and advise the Fuel Controller for Canada in the discharge of his duties and to enforce any regulations that may from time to time be prescribed by him.

Municipal.

(4.) The Council of any municipality may appoint a Local Fuel Commissioner or Board of Fuel Commissioners with such organization as may be deemed necessary. Any expenses so incurred shall be borne by the municipality.

(5.) On the petition of two-thirds of the dealers in any municipality addressed to the Fuel Administrator preferring complaint against any Fuel Commission, the said Fuel Administrator shall forthwith cause an investigation to be made into said complaint and if sufficient cause be shown, may call upon the municipality to remove such officer.

(6.) The duties of Fuel Commissioners shall be:—

(a) To co-ordinate the work of fuel dealers in apportioning and delivering coal during any period of fuel scarcity within such municipality.

(b) To institute when deemed necessary a system of controlling retail coal deliveries through orders on dealers within the municipality issued by the Fuel Commissioner.

(c) Generally to assist the Fuel Administrator in enforcing such regulations as may from time to time be made by the Fuel Controller for Canada.

In towns where there are no coal dealers, such as Glace Bay, Stellarton, Louisburg, etc., a special commissioner will likely be appointed, and this official will have power as to the supply to which the several dealers in districts outside of the localities where there are Coal Mines, are entitled. Just how the Provincial Board of Administration is to promote the development of coal areas is not known. Will the Board be in a position to advance the necessary capital to a person or persons desirous of opening a mine on an unworked area?

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The Fuel Controller, Mr. McGrath, is to be commended for his willingness to be advised. It was suggested to him that the first great duty was to get the coal, and afterwards to arrange as to prices. It was told him that the prices offered by the C. G. R. was insufficient to incite the operators to enthusiasm. The Railway people are not to have it all their own way. They are not to be more favored than the ordinary consumer, but must pay the same price demanded of him. The Controller has sanctioned, or rather has fixed the price of coal at an advance of \$1.60 from prices prevailing till March. There has been loud screaming against the increase in price, but it had to come. It is most inconsistent for those newspapers, which have been demanding increased wages for mine workers, to make outcry against increased price of coal.

Every increase in wages, every increased cost