

must live near the pit, and be distributed as equally as possible among the different shifts.

At least one-quarter of all the underground officials must be able to use breathing apparatus.

Art. 10.—The Government inspectors are to see that these regulations are carried out. They are empowered to make any supplementary regulations they may deem necessary.

BELGIUM

In 1908, the Crown, on the recommendation of the Minister of Industry and Labour, issued a Decree prescribing the use of special apparatus for affording help to victims of mining accidents or to persons exposed to danger in mines.

The Decree, in essence, was as follows:

Art. 1.—Coal mines having one or more workings which come under the second or third class of fiery mines shall be provided with stations at which portable breathing appliances shall be kept available for immediate use in case of accident in the said workings.

Art. 2.—The number of appliances shall be one for every 200 workmen employed underground in pits of the second and third class. But the total number must not be less than five and need not exceed ten for each mine.

Art. 3.—The appliances shall be selected from among the most perfect types, and they must enable the wearer to remain at least an hour and a half in an irrespirable atmosphere.

They shall always be kept in thorough working order.

Such provision shall be made at every station as will permit all the apparatus being used simultaneously for at least forty-eight hours.

Art. 4.—The management of the mine shall, with the approval of the chief inspector of the mining district, determine the rules for the establishment and working of stations.

Art. 5.—The use of the apparatus shall be entrusted to experienced workmen, who must be thoroughly conversant with the underground workings, and there shall be at least four operators for each apparatus.

These workmen shall, as far as possible, be distributed among the various shifts and shall be selected from among those who live near the stations. Their names and addresses shall be posted at each of the

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