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OFFICE HOURS.

56. (1.) The office of the Warden's Court shall be open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. On Saturdays the office shall be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Sundays and holidays the office shall be closed:

Provided that when the clerk has to attend more offices than one he shall keep his office open on such days and hours as the Warden from time to time appoints.

(2.) A notice of the office hours shall be kept posted in some conspicuous place in and outside the office.

HOLIDAYS.

57. The following days shall be holidays in the Warden's Court and offices thereof—that is to say, the days from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday (inclusive), the days from Christmas Eve to 3rd January (inclusive), and all statutory holidays; and in each district the anniversary of the foundation of its province.

CONDUCT OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN MINES.

58. Subject to any directions that may be given by any official of the mine, no workman shall, except so far as may be necessary for the purpose of getting to and from his work, or in case of emergency or other justifiable cause necessarily connected with his employment, go into any part of the mine other than that part in which he works, or travel to or from his work by any road other than the proper travelling-road.

Meetings of workmen in a body shall not be held underground.

59. Every workman engaged at the face, or in stonework, or in timbering, shall carefully examine his working-place before commencing work, and before recommencing work after the firing of a shot, and after any interruption of work during the shift. Where several persons are working together and one of them is in charge, the examinations required by this regulation shall be made by the man in charge.

60. Every workman shall to the best of his power carry on his work so as not to impede or in any way interfere with the air-current. He shall also to the best of his power leave the working-place at the end of his shift in such condition as to allow of work being safely resumed therein; and if he finds it impossible to do so he shall fence it off and report the fact as soon as possible to the fireman-deputy or other official.

61. Workmen and all other persons in the mine who have occasion to pass through any trap-door or sheet shall thereupon closely shut the same.

62. Workmen and all other persons are prohibited from defacing or removing marks which may be made in any part of the workings in connection with the survey of the mine or for the guidance of the workmen in their operations.

63. No workman other than the rope-attendant shall ride on any truck or haulage-rope, and then only with the written permission of the manager.

This regulation shall not apply to trains used for the conveyance of workmen.

64. No person shall go before any truck on any incline, brow, or slope unless duly authorized. Every person working on any incline, brow, or slope shall secure his truck from getting loose, and, before he attempts to take a truck down, shall ascertain that he has proper contrivances for stopping it on the way when required. He shall not take more than one truck down at a time unless he has the means of controlling them, and when on the way he shall, as far as practicable, keep behind. When machinery is used he shall not, without hooking or otherwise securing it, place a truck on the plates or rails so that it could run down. The taker-off at the bottom of an incline or jig shall not be in front of the tub when it is in motion.

65. No person shall be employed in or about a mine without the permission of the manager or underviewer.

66. No workman shall introduce into the mine any stranger without the sanction of the mine-manager.

67. No person shall throw any stone or other missile, or fight or behave in a violent manner, in or about the mine.

68. No person shall, without authority, pass beyond any fence or danger-signal or open any locked door.

69. No person shall allow any burning wick or part of any such wick or other burning material to lie about in the mine, and every workman on leaving his working-place shall take his light or lights with him.

70. No person shall sleep whilst below ground in the mine, or whilst in charge of any winding, hauling, ventilating, or signalling machinery or apparatus, or boilers.

71. No unauthorized person shall work or interfere with any signalling-apparatus in or about the mine.

72. No person shall enter or remain in or about the mine or works while in a state of intoxication. No intoxicating liquor, except in cases of necessity and with the consent of the manager, shall be taken into the mine or on to the works.

73. No person shall use threatening or abusive language in or about a mine.

74. No person shall test for fire-damp with a naked light, or brush out or baffle gas.

75. No person shall place a safety-lamp on the floor unless it is necessary to do so for the safe performance of any particular work or unless authorized by the manager; and in all cases whilst a person is at work it shall be placed at least two feet from the swing of the pick, hammer, or other tool.

DUTIES OF MINE OFFICIALS.

76. Every official of the mine shall carry out the duties assigned to him by the manager, and shall carry out and enforce those provisions of the said Act and of the Regulations and Special Regulations of the mine which relate to the matters in respect of which such duties have been so assigned.

77. Every person on whom responsible duties are imposed with respect to the ventilation underground, and who is required to make a daily report in a book to be kept at the mine for the purpose, shall, immediately before going into the mine and also after coming out of the mine, read the hygrometer, barometer, and thermometer if such instruments are required by the said Act.

Duties of Manager.

78. The manager shall see that a sufficient supply of proper materials and appliances for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the said Act and ensuring the safety of the mine and persons employed therein is always provided, and, if he be not the owner or agent of the mine, he shall report in writing to the owner or agent when anything is required for the aforesaid purpose that is not within the scope of his authority to order.

79. He shall appoint the stations required by the said Act and the lamp-stations (if any), and cause their positions to be indicated by notices constructed of durable material.

80. The manager shall determine and state in a notice which shall be kept posted up at the pit-head the number of persons to be allowed to ride in a cage at one time, or, where a cage has more than one deck, on each deck of the cage. When men are being raised from the pit-bottom, if more than one deck is used, the top deck shall be loaded with men first, but this shall not apply when the decks are simultaneously loaded, or when a balanced platform is used for the loading of the cages.

81. If no underviewer has been appointed for the mine, the manager shall carry out the duties imposed by the said Act and these regulations on the underviewer.

82. The manager shall forthwith send notice in writing to the Inspector of the following classes of occurrences whether personal injuries or disablement is caused or not:—

All cases of ignition of gas or dust below ground.

All cases of fire or heating below ground.

All cases of breakage of ropes, chains, or other gear by which men are lowered or raised.

All cases of overwinding cages.

All cases of inrush of water from old workings or from the surface.

The manager shall also enter in a report-book kept for the purpose full particulars of every discovery of inflammable gas by any official or workman.

83. The manager shall make arrangements for the underground and other officials meeting him daily for the purpose of conferring on matters connected with their duties.

84. The manager shall appoint a competent person or persons to keep a correct record of the number of persons going below ground and returning from below ground daily, and, if required by the manager, every person shall immediately before going below ground and after returning from below ground record his presence in accordance with a system approved by the Inspector of the district.

85. The manager shall cause to be posted up at the entrance to the mine where it may be conveniently seen by the persons employed a sketch-plan of the mine showing the main roads, the means of egress from each part of the mine to the surface, and the telephone-stations underground; and so often as the same becomes defaced, obliterated, or destroyed shall cause it to be renewed with all reasonable despatch.

86. Every notice required by these regulations and the special regulations of the mine (if any) required by law to