

210. In any case where the votes of the workmen or any part of the workmen in any mine are required for the purpose of section 150 of the said Act, they shall be taken at a meeting of the workmen entitled to vote; at least three days before the date of the meeting a notice shall be posted at the mine-mouth specifying the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. The certificate stating the result of the voting, and signed by the person presiding at such meeting, shall be forthwith delivered to the manager of the mine.

211. The floor-space in every dressing or change room at bath-houses shall not be less than 12 square feet for each person.

212. The following rules shall be observed in all bath-houses:—

- (a.) No person shall expectorate on the floor or walls.
- (b.) Clothes, towels, soap, or other articles shall be kept only in the place provided for them.
- (c.) No clothes shall be beaten or shaken within the building.
- (d.) No clothes shall be washed in bath or hand-basin.
- (e.) No clothing or boots shall be kept in any change or bath house during Sunday. Such articles, if left therein for two successive Sundays, may be destroyed by order of the manager.
- (f.) No smoking shall be permitted unless in a room provided for that purpose.
- (g.) Games shall not be played within the building.

#### AMBULANCE.

213. (1.) In every mine there shall be provided and kept in good condition and ready for immediate use at a convenient spot in the district of each fireman-deputy, and also in the office at the mine or other convenient place on the surface—

- (a.) A suitably constructed stretcher.
- (b.) A box containing a sufficient supply of suitable splints and bandages, adhesive plaster, boric vaseline, cotton wool, and tincture of iodine or other suitable anti-septic solution.

(2.) The foregoing requirements shall not apply to any mine, seam, or district the conditions of which are so damp as to make it impossible to keep the appliances aforesaid in a good state.

(3.) In case of dispute between the manager and the workmen as to the possibility of keeping ambulance appliances in a good state, the matter shall be referred to the Inspector, who shall have power to decide the dispute.

(4.) The manager or other qualified official appointed by him shall personally inspect the appliances so provided at least once in every month and satisfy himself that they are in conformity with the above requirements.

214. In every mine in which the total number of persons employed underground exceeds thirty, the manager shall arrange, if possible, that there shall be at least one man trained in first aid and holding a certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association, the St. Andrew's Association, the British Red Cross Society ("Intermediate" or "Advanced") or other society or body approved by the Minister, in the district of each fireman deputy, at any time when twenty persons or more are being employed in the district. If less than twenty persons are employed in each district the manager shall arrange, if possible, that there shall be below ground during each shift at least one man so trained and having a certificate as aforesaid.

#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

215. A sufficient number of suitable sanitary conveniences, to the satisfaction of the Inspector, shall be provided on the surface and below ground.

216. Every sanitary convenience below ground shall have a portable receptacle constructed of metal, and provided with a metal cover.

217. A sufficient supply of disinfectant, or dry coaldust, or other suitable material for covering the faces shall be constantly provided in a suitable receptacle at every convenience below ground and at conveniences (other than water-closets) on the surface.

218. Every sanitary convenience on the surface shall be under cover and so partitioned off as to secure privacy.

219. Every sanitary convenience shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair, and the receptacles of all conveniences below ground shall be emptied and cleaned not less frequently than once in every fourteen days, and oftener if necessary. The receptacles shall be emptied at the surface unless satisfactory arrangements are made for disposing of the contents in the gob, goaf, or waste, or for their destruction in a furnace.

220. No person shall relieve his bowels on the surface or on any roadway below ground, except in one of the conveniences provided in accordance with the foregoing regulations.

221. No person shall soil or render unfit for use in any way any convenience or sanitary utensil or appliance provided in

accordance with these regulations, and every person relieving himself below ground shall cover the faces with disinfectant, or dry coaldust, or other suitable material.

#### EXPLOSIVES.

##### Part I.—General Provisions.

222. (1.) It shall be the duty of the manager and under-viewer to carry out and to the best of their ability enforce the provisions of every regulation in force under the said Act regulating the supply, use, and storage of explosives, and it shall be the duty of all persons employed in or about the mine to comply with the provisions of the said regulations, and the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908.

(2.) Nothing in these regulations shall relieve the owner or manager of a mine from complying with the provisions of the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908, regarding the storage of explosives.

223. (1.) No explosive substance shall be stored underground in any mine. The owner, agent, or manager of the mine shall provide a suitable place or places of storage above ground for all explosives intended to be used in the mine, and shall make suitable provision conveniently near the entrance of the mine for the storage of surplus explosives brought out of the mine at the end of each shift. No place shall be used for the storage of explosives unless and until it has been approved in writing for the purpose by an Inspector of Mines.

(2.) Detonators for blasting shall be kept stored on the surface of the ground in a covered box placed in a magazine specially provided for that purpose in which no other explosives are kept.

(3.) No person shall enter with a naked light a magazine where powder or other explosive or inflammable substance is stored.

224. (1.) No explosive shall be taken or used underground except in cartridges, and such cartridges shall be taken into the mine and kept until about to be used for the charging of a shot-hole in a secure case or canister, and a person shall not have in use at one time in any one place more than one of such cases or canisters.

(2.) No explosive shall be taken for use into the workings of the mine, except in quantities actually required during the shift. Such quantities, per person using same, shall not exceed 16 lb. of gunpowder or 10 lb. of nitro-glycerine compounds in workings where power drilling-machines are used, or 8 lb. of gunpowder or 5 lb. of nitro-glycerine compounds in any other workings.

(3.) Persons using nitro-glycerine compounds shall be provided where required with suitable apparatus for thawing such explosives.

(4.) If any explosive remains in the possession of a workman at the end of his shift, he shall bring it with him out of the mine and return it at once to the place of storage provided for the purpose.

(5.) Detonators shall not be used in or taken for the purpose of use into any mine unless the following conditions are observed:—

(a.) Detonators shall be under the control of the manager of the mine, or some person or persons specially appointed in writing by the manager for the purpose, and shall be issued only to shot-firers appointed in pursuance of Regulation 229, or (in mines to which Part II does not apply) to officials specially authorized in writing by the manager.

(b.) Shot-firers and other authorized persons shall keep all detonators issued to them, until about to be used for the charging of a shot-hole, in a suitable case or box, securely fastened separate from any other explosive.

(6.) In the case of a shaft being sunk from the surface or deepened, it shall not be deemed a contravention of the foregoing provision if the primers for charges are fitted with detonators on the surface before being taken into the shaft, provided the primers are so fitted in a workshop established for the purpose, and are only taken into the shaft immediately before use by the shot-firer or other authorized person, and in a thick felt bag or other receptacle to protect them from shock.

225. (1.) Blasting is strictly prohibited unless with the express permission of the manager or under-viewer.

(2.) No person under the age of eighteen years shall be allowed to charge a hole with explosives or to fire any charge.

226. (1.) No drill shall be used for the boring of a shot-hole unless it allows at least a clearance of  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. over the diameter of the cartridge which is intended to be used in that hole, and no person shall attempt to charge a shot-hole unless such clearance exists.

(2.) No drill-hole shall be bored within a distance of 1 ft. from the site of a previously exploded charge of any nitro-