

SOURCE 6

A document showing the price of coal as determined by the government in March 1917

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Defence of the Realm Act affected people or how they reacted to DORA. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What does this source tell historians about government control of the economy during the war?
- Do you think big business liked to be controlled in this way?
- What are the advantages for businesses of government control?
- What are the disadvantages?

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SCHEDULE OF PRICES.*

MONMOUTHSHIRE AND SOUTH WALES.

Class of Coal.	Price.	Class of Coal.	Price.
<i>Steam.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>Anthracite (continued).</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Smokeless Best	33 0	<i>Machine-broken Nuts.</i>	
" Second Quality	31 6	(French, Paris and Stove.)	
Seconds	30 9	Best	42 6
Ordinaries	30 0	2nd	41 0
Best Drys	30 0	3rd	39 0
Ordinary Drys	28 6	Red Vein Nuts	36 0
Steam Smalls, No. 1	21 6		
" " " 2	21 0	<i>Machine-broken Beans.</i>	
" " " 3	20 6	Best	35 0
" " " 4	20 0	2nd	34 0
" " " 5	19 6	3rd	33 0
" " " 6	19 0	Red Vein Beans	31 0
" " " 7	18 6	Price of screened Cobbles, Nuts and	
" " " 8	18 0	Beans of 3rd quality... ..	1s. per
Washed Smalls	22 6		ton resp.
Best Black Vein, Large	30 0		less
Ordinary Western Valley	29 0		than
Best Eastern Valleys	29 0		above.
Second Eastern Valleys	28 0	Peas (all qualities)	20 0
Best Washed Nuts	30 0	Rubbly Culm	13 0
Seconds	28 6	Red Vein Culm	11 0
Best Washed Peas and Beans	27 6	Breaker Duff	8 0
Seconds	26 6	Billy Duff	6 6
Unwashed Duff, 1st quality	18 0		
" " 2nd "	16 0	<i>Steam (Swansea).</i>	
" " 3rd "	14 0	Best Large... ..	30 0
<i>Bituminous.</i>		Second Large	27 0
Best Households	33 0	Best Through	23 6
Good Households	30 9	Second Through	22 0
No. 3 Rhondda Large	30 9	Best Smalls	19 0
Smalls	26 0	Second Smalls	17 0
No. 2 Rhondda Large	27 0	Screened Cobbles	30 0
No. 2 Rhondda Through	23 6	" Nuts	30 0
Ditto and other Through (seconds)	22 0	" Beans	27 6
No. 2 Rhondda Smalls (best)	19 0		
" " " (seconds)	17 0	<i>Bituminous (Swansea).</i>	
Gas Through	25 0	Through and Through	27 0
" Small	21 0	Smalls	24 0
<i>Anthracite.</i>			
Best Breaking Large	30 0	<i>Gas (Swansea).</i>	
2nd Breaking Large	29 0	Through	23 6
3rd Breaking Large	27 6	Smalls	21 0
Red Vein Large	25 6	Patent Fuel	30 0
<i>Machine-made Cobbles.</i>		Coke-oven Coke	47 6
Best	42 6		
2nd	41 0		
3rd	39 0		
Red Vein Cobbles	36 0		

* These prices are subject to an increase of 2s. 6d. per ton to meet the recent war wage increase, except in the case of shipments to France and Italy, and coal for the manufacture of patent fuel for shipment thereto.