Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 24th day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *David Maxwell Fyfe.*

Approved this 24th day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

*Edward Heath,*
*Hendrie D. Oakshott.*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

Contributions towards the cost of acquiring and transporting lime for use on agricultural land are payable under the Agricultural Lime Schemes 1947 and 1951. Section 97 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, provided that to qualify for a contribution such cost should be incurred during a period of five years from the 1st August, 1947, and power was given for the five year period to be extended to one of seven years. This Order extends the period accordingly.

## 1952 No. 1463

## The Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1952

*Made* - - - - 31*st July*, 1952
*Coming into Operation* 2*nd August*, 1952

In pursuance of the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952(a), the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, being the appropriate Minister within the meaning of paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section five of the said Act in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme:—

**1.** This scheme, which may be cited as the Ploughing Grants Scheme 1952, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

**2.**—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952;

"approved crop" means any such crop as is specified in the Schedule hereto;

"land under grass" includes any grazing land, and, in particular, land under clover, lucerne or sainfoin or mixtures of clover, lucerne or sainfoin with grass;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries;

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2, c. 35.

" occupier " in Northern Ireland includes the person who, by virtue of an agreement, whether written or otherwise, has the right to the use of the land at the time of the completion of the operations specified in paragraph three of this scheme.

(2) In England and Wales the Interpretation Act, 1889(a), and in Northern Ireland that Act as applied by the Interpretation Act, 1921(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**3.**—(1) Subject to this scheme a grant may be made by the Minister in respect of the ploughing up of land under grass and the carrying out of such further operations on the land after ploughing as may be necessary to produce—

(*a*) an approved crop, or

(*b*) such other crop as may in exceptional circumstances be agreed to by the Minister,

being in either case a crop for harvesting or for use as fodder in the year 1952.

(2) The person to whom such a grant may be made shall be the occupier of the land on completion of such operations as aforesaid.

**4.** The rate of grant to be made in accordance with this scheme shall be five pounds per acre: Provided that in calculating the amount of a grant fractions of an acre less than one quarter of an acre shall be disregarded.

**5.** A grant under this scheme may only be made where the land ploughed up—

(*a*) is not less than one acre in area ;

(*b*) was under grass for a period of at least four consecutive years ending at the time when ploughing up was begun, or was at that time under grass sown in the year 1948 ; and

(*c*) was ploughed up within the period beginning with the 5th day of February, 1952, and ending with the 31st day of May, 1952.

**6.** The Minister may require an applicant for a grant to give to any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf reasonable facilities for the inspection of any land to which the application relates.

**7.** Where in the opinion of the Minister—

(*a*) the ploughing or any further operation in respect of which a grant under this scheme may be made has been inefficiently carried out,

(*b*) adequate facilities for the inspection of the land in respect of which such a grant may be made have not been given,

the grant shall not be of an amount greater than the Minister considers reasonable.

**8.** If in respect of any of the operations in respect of which a grant is payable under this scheme payments of moneys provided by Parliament under any enactment other than the Act are available, the Minister in determining the amount of grant payable under this scheme may take into consideration such payments, and may reduce the amount payable under this scheme accordingly.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4 (N.I.).

**9.** Any person who desires to apply for a grant to be made in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply to the Minister—

(*a*) in writing in such form as the Minister may from time to time require, and

(*b*) before the 31st day of August, 1952, or before such later date as the Minister may in special circumstances allow.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 31st day of July nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.)

*Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Approved,
31st July, 1952.

*Herbert Butcher,*
*T. G. D. Galbraith,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

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| Wheat | Mixed Corn | Linseed |
| Barley | Rye | Peas |
| Oats | Potatoes | Beans |
| | and the following fodder crops:— | |
| Turnips | Cabbage | Rape |
| Swedes | Kale | Vetches |
| Mangolds | Savoys | Tares |
| Fodder Beet | Kohl Rabi | |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act. 1952, provides for the making of grants at the rate of £5 an acre in respect of ploughed up grassland where the land is subsequently sown to an approved crop for harvesting or for use as fodder in the year 1952. In order to qualify, the grassland must be at least four years old, or have been sown to grass in the year 1948, and must be ploughed up between the 5th February, 1952, and the 31st May, 1952. The grant is payable to the occupier of the land on completion of the operations to which the scheme relates. Persons wishing to apply for a grant must apply before the 31st August, 1952.

The Scheme applies to England and Wales, and Northern Ireland, but not to Scotland.