BOARD OF BOILER RULES

This Board for 1938-1939 consists of:

Chairman:

John M. Pohlhaus, Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, 330 North Charles Street, Baltimore.

Members:

Chief Mine Engineer:

A. L. Penniman, Chief Engineer of Power, Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Company, Baltimore, (1941) Firmadge King, 609 Edgewood Street, Baltimore, (1942)

By the Act of 1939, Chapter 718, a Board of Boiler Rules was created consisting of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, who shall be the Chairman at his discretion and two members to be appointed by the Governor.

This Board is created for and charged with the duty of formulating rules and regulations governing the proper construction and installation of boilers over fifteen pounds to the square inch, for sale or use in this State, and to enforce such rules and regulations and the continued maintenance of them on a basis of proper safety.

BUREAU OF MINES

The Bureau of Mines was created in the State Board of Labor and Statistics by the General Assembly of 1922. The Chief Mine Engineer was appointed by the Governor from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner. The Act became effective October 1, 1922.

The Act was prepared by a special commission appointed by the Governor and supersedes the several local laws which governed mining operators in this State prior to the enactment of this law.

The Act makes provision for the inspection, sanitation, ventilation and safeguarding of all the operations connected with mining. Provision is also made for the weighing of all coal mined in the State.

It is the duty of the Chief Mine Engineer to enforce all provisions of the Act. He is given the authority to make and enforce necessary rules and regulations in connection with the enforcement of the Act and the operation of the mines. After hearings had been held in Frostburg and Westernport between the Chief Mine Engineer and operators and miners, such regulations were issued and became effective March 13, 1929, and have been in force since that date. (Ch. 307, 1922.)

There was created by this Act in the Bureau of Mines a State Mine Examining Board with powers to examine and pass upon the qualifications of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. Seventeen examin-