DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 AND 1896.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of SWINE FEVER in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 17th March 1900, distinguishing Counties (including Burghs).

County.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Swine Slaughtered as Diseased or as having been Exposed to Infection.
	No.	No:
Mid-Lothian	1	32
Total	1	32

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS 1894 AND 1896.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of the undermentioned DISEASES in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 17th March 1900, distinguishing Counties (including Burghs).

ANTHRAX.

County.				Outbreaks Reported.	Animals Attacked.	
	-				No.	No.
Aberdeen		•••		•••	1	5
Fife Forfar		•••	•••	•••	1	1
T	OTAL				3	7

GLANDERS (INCLUDING FARCY).

County.	Outbreaks Reported.	Animals which remained Diseased at the end of the previous Week.	Animals Reported during the Week as Attacked.
	No.	No.	No.
Lanark	1	_	2
Total	1	_	2 .

FOREIGN OFFICE, February 24, 1900.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Alexander Hosie, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kinkiang:

John Noel Tratman, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Nanking;

Charles William Campbell, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wuchow;

Edward Theodore Chalmers Werner, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kiungchow;

Ernest Frederick Bennett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Ssumao;

Ambrose John Sundius, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Yochow;

George Demetrius Pitzipios, Esq., to be one of Her Majesty's Vice-Consuls at Shanghai; and

William Pollock Ker, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Pagoda Island.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 2, 1900.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Alexander Telford Waugh, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Constantinople.

OFFICIAL VOCABULARY FOR CODE TELEGRAMS.

SECOND EDITION.

Notices on the subject of a second edition of the Official Vocabulary for Code Telegrams, published by the International Bureau of Telegraph Administrations, appeared in the London Gazette of 23rd February 1897, 13th April 1897, 16th July 1897, and 3rd December 1897.

In the Notice of 23rd February 1897 it was intimated that, under the decision of the International Telegraph Conference, held at Budapest in 1896, a new edition of the Vocabulary was to be compiled, the use of which was to become obligatory both for European and extra-European Telegrams, but not until a date to be fixed by a future Conference.

This edition is now approaching completion. It will appear in four volumes, containing in all about 1,300,000 words. The first volume has been published, and the remaining volumes will appear at intervals of a few months.

The work will be sold in this country by the Post Office, at a charge of £3, 4s., payable in advance. Application for copies should be addressed to "The Secretary, General Post Office, London."

The Notice of 23rd February 1897 contained a translation of a circular from the International Bureau explaining that the second edition would be compiled on an entirely different principle from the work published in 1894. It was stated that the new Vocabulary would not be suitable for use as a code, but would bear the character of a Vocabulary pure and simple, i.e., a standard collection of words from which codes might be compiled, and that no attention would accordingly be paid to typographic, telegraphic, or phonetic similarity between words.

In these circumstances, persons who may have purchased the 1894 edition as a selection of words sufficiently dissimilar to admit of all the words being used for Code Telegrams as they stand, will find the new edition unsuitable for this purpose; in fact, there will be confusion if words are taken from the new standard list without careful selection.