

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise, in the Week ended 7th April 1900, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	67,743	7	25	10
Barley	20,402	5	24	10
Oats	13,757	3	17	2

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1896 to 1899.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1896	25,350	5	12,827	5	8,659	2	24	6	21	0	13	1
1897	41,278	7	17,694	0	8,747	5	27	8	22	7	16	6
1898	45,297	6	8,357	5	9,184	6	35	2	27	0	17	11
1899	51,318	2	12,821	6	10,397	7	24	7	25	1	16	11

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel, or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

P. G. CRAIGIE.

Board of Agriculture, 4 Whitehall Place, London, S. W.,

April 7, 1900.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, March 31, 1900.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Honorary Knights Grand Cross.

Gustavus Ernest, Count of Erbach-Schönberg, K.C.V.O.

Freiherr August von Woellwarth-Lauterburg, Oberhofmarschall to His Majesty the King of Wurttemberg.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

April 3, 1900.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. A. Ritchie, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, at Pollokshaws, in the County of Renfrew, is vacant.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

April 10, 1900.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the under-mentioned Regulations have been amended as follows, viz. :—

GENERAL REGULATIONS RESPECTING OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS for SITUATIONS in the CIVIL SERVICE, included in Schedule A of the Order in Council of 4th June 1870.

Clauses 3 and 4 to be—

3. These examinations are open, under such general restrictions as may be laid down, to all natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, being of the requisite age, health, and character. The under-mentioned special conditions are at present in force:

(i.) The following classes of persons are ineligible, viz. :—

(a) Persons actually serving in the Army or Navy.

(b) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of less than five years' service.