To be Members of the Fourth Class.

Captain Francis Charles Bridgeman Bridgeman, Royal Navy, Aide-de-Camp, commanding His Majesty's ship "Drake."

Engineer-Captain James Martin Cameron Bennett, of His Majesty's yacht "Victoria and Albert." Fleet-Paymaster William Herbert Bowen, of His Majesty's yacht "Victoria and Albert."

To be Members of the Fifth Class.

Lieutenant Henry Allen Beaver, Royal Navy, of His Majesty's yacht "Victoria and Albert." Lieutenant George Henry Colwell, Royal Navy, of His Majesty's yacht "Victoria and Albert." William Melville, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, New Scotland Yard.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 1, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Cecil Godfrey Wood, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Biscay, Guipuscoa, and Old Castile, to reside at Bilbao;

Ranald Douglas Grant Macdonald, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Departments of Gironde, Upper Vienne, Dordogne, Corrèze, Lot-et-Garonne, Tarn-et-Garrone, Ariège, Gers, Upper Pyrénées, Lower Pyrénées, Landes, Lot, Upper Garonne, Charente, and Charente Inférieure, to reside at Bordeaux; and

David Cazes, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Department of Loreto, to reside at Iquitos.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 8, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Gilbert Mellor, Esq., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, to be His Majesty's Agent to attend the Mixed Commission on Venezuelan claims constituted by Article IV. of the Protocol of February 13, 1903, between the United Kingdom and the United States of Venezuela.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns, in the Week ended 30th May 1903, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SO	LD. AVERAGE PRICE.
Wheat	***	•••		Qrs. Bus 61,599 7	s. s. d. 27 8
Barley	•••	•••		2,895 1	23 7
Oats	•••	•••		13,329 4	18 5

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1896 to 1902.

Corresponding Week in		Qτ	JANTITIES SOLI	AVERAGE PRICE.			
		WHEAT.	BARLEY.	OATS.	WHEAT.	BARLEY.	OATS.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Qrs. Bus.	Qrs, Bus.	Qrs. Bus.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1896	***	24,731 4	1,384 4	4,971 4	25 5	21 6	14 8
897	•••	52,481 5	1,477 7	4,378 5	27 10	20 8	17 9
1898	•••	30,484 6	735 5	3,903 1	46 3	26 10	21 0
l89 9	•••	75,111 7	1,944 7	7,262 6	25 4	24 4	18 1
900	•••	68,906 3	1,752 7	6,702 0	25 5	24 4	18 6
901	•••	46,514 0	859 2	4,938 0	27 7	23 8	19 9
902		32,728 6	864 3	5,177 4	31 6	25 1	22 10

^{*} 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.

T. H. ELLIOTT.