

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 23, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 26, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint John Duncan Gregory, Esq., to be an Acting Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 30, 1903.

The King has been pleased to approve of—  
Mr. Charles N. Daniels as Consul of the United States of America at Sheffield, and  
Mr. Leo Bergholz as consul of the United States of America at Three Rivers, Quebec.

## FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 6th day of November 1903, has been made on his representation, by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, under which, on and from the 11th day of November 1903, parcels addressed to the Portuguese Colony of Timor, in the East Indies, may be transmitted by the post subject to the rates of postage specified in such Warrant.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, Fleet Street, E.C.; or Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 9th day of November 1903.

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 7th November 1903, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	41,897	0	26	4
Barley	...	...	...	160,241	6	24	3
Oats	...	...	...	22,245	7	15	9

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

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 ...	70,104	2	204,859	7	18,609	0	31	9	27	3	17	7
1897 ...	79,074	4	196,140	4	16,328	4	34	0	26	3	16	3
1898 ...	77,717	0	209,941	0	16,091	1	28	4	28	7	17	5
1899 ...	66,741	3	166,786	7	15,216	5	26	7	26	9	16	5
1900 ...	41,497	6	170,558	0	15,566	6	27	3	25	11	16	10
1901 ...	62,265	4	202,577	2	20,066	2	26	6	27	0	17	8
1902 ...	49,887	5	199,578	4	30,748	4	25	1	26	3	17	2

\* 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 and Fisheries,  
3 St. James' Square, London, S.W.,  
November 7, 1903.