

ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 990 of the year 1916.

NOTICE TO ALL MASTERS, SHIPOWNERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED.

The attention of all Masters or other persons in command or charge of vessels is directed to the duty of obeying promptly and strictly all orders, whether by way of signal or otherwise, given by any Officer in Command of any of His Majesty's Ships or by any Naval or Military Officer engaged in the defence of the coast. Cases have been reported to the Admiralty in which British Merchant vessels have wilfully disregarded the Orders given by Patrol Boats, &c., and it is therefore considered necessary to remind all persons concerned of the penalties provided for such acts of disobedience.

Where vessels neglect to obey Orders so given the person in charge is liable to prosecution

under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, and upon conviction to be fined £100 or imprisoned for six months, or, where the disobedience was of an aggravated kind, to suffer both penalties.

It should also be noted that failure to obey orders may necessitate the seizure and detention of the vessel, when found in any port of the United Kingdom subsequently to the time at which the act of disobedience was committed.

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Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. (H. 5115/16.)

By command of their Lordships,

J. F. PARRY,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty,
London, 6th September 1916.

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 2nd September 1916, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	50,636	0	59	4
Barley	...	...	...	3,283	5	48	5
Oats	...	...	...	9,693	4	30	5

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1909 to 1915.

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.
1909 ...	45,074	5	3,848	1	12,846	5	34	11	26	1	18	5
1910 ...	43,402	3	7,630	0	6,391	6	31	11	23	3	17	2
1911 ...	145,991	0	77,297	3	28,623	1	31	10	28	4	18	1
1912 ...	21,855	5	2,339	6	4,635	0	35	1	29	9	21	8
1913 ...	65,029	0	23,858	2	18,078	0	31	11	30	11	17	8
1914 ...	81,937	0	42,361	0	57,716	0	36	5	30	6	23	9
1915 ...	40,115	5	10,953	0	17,490	0	45	3	38	1	26	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.

SYDNEY OLIVIER.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,
3 St. James's Square, London, S.W.,
2nd September 1916.