Downing Street, 4th December 1926.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Percy William Duncombe Armbrister, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands for a further period.

Downing Street, 5th February 1927.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Thomas Laurence Roxburgh, Esq., C.M.G., to be a Member of the Privy Council of the Island of Jamaica for a further period.

Downing Street, 7th February 1927.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of James Ronald Clerihew Young, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands.

MERCHANDISE MARKS COMMITTEES.

The following two Standing Committees have been appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926:----

(1) For enquiries relating to agricultural and horticultural produce and the produce of any fishing industry: (Chairman) Mr. Edward A. Mitchell Innes, C.B.E., K.C.; Mr. George W. Currie; and Sir Basil Mayhew, K.B.E., F.C.A.; with Mr. H. J. Johns, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as Secretary.

(2) For enquiries relating to other goods: (Chairman) Sir H. Llewellyn Smith, G.C.B. (who is about to retire from his position in the Civil Service); the Right Hon. George N. Barnes, C.H.; and Mr. F. R. Davenport; with Mr. E. W. Reardon, Board of Trade, as Secretary.

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

VARIATION OF MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES IN THE FLAX AND HEMP TRADE.

The Flax and Hemp Trade Board (Great Britain) have issued Notices, dated 11th February 1927, setting out minimum rates of wages for male and female workers as varied by the Trade Board and confirmed by Order of the Minister of Labour, to take effect as from 14th February 1927.

Full particulars of these rates may be obtained from the Secretary, the Flax and Hemp Trade Board (Great Britain), 1 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.1.

F. POPPLEWELL, Secretary. 11th February 1927.

Board of Trade, Great George Street, London, S.W.1, 7th February 1927.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal upon Stanley Gibbs of Sydney, New South Wales.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

On the 3rd January 1927, at Port Hacking near Sydney, New South Wales, a youth named Mervyn Allum was swimming a short distance from the shore when he was attacked by a large shark. It was at first thought that he was drowning, and Stanley Gibbs, who was standing on the nose of a launch he was driving, ready to give assistance to Allum, observed that he was being attacked by the shark. Gibbs dived from the launch and fought the shark with his hands and feet and eventually succeeded in getting Allum, who was very badly injured, from the jaws of the shark, and with the assistance of a man named Macdonald placed him in a rowing boat. The victim died of injuries shortly afterwards.

Admiralty, 31st January 1927.

R.N.R.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration to the following Officers:—

Lieut.-Comdr. G. D. Brown. Lieut.-Comdr. R. L. Burridge Lieut. J. L. M. Campbell.

R.N.V.R.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Decoration to the following Officer:—

Lieut. Comdr. F. M. Fox, A.F.C.

ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACTS 1882 to 1926.

PETERHEAD ELECTRICITY SPECIAL ORDER, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Electricity Commissioners have submitted to the Minister of Transport for confirmation under the above-mentioned Acts a Special Order made by them to be granted to the Electric Supply Corporation Limited for the supply of Electricity within the Burgh of Peterhead in the County of Aberdeen.

The Minister of Transport proposes to confirm the Order and gives notice that any person affected who may be desirous of objecting to the confirmation of the same must in accordance with the Electricity (Confirmation of Special Orders) Rules 1921, do so by memorial