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"6. Acting as Shorthand Writers-Payable to officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines acting under competent authority as shorthand writer at courts-martial, boards of enquiry and other important enquiries at which it is necessary that evidence should be recorded in shorthand hand.

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0 9." His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

E. C. E. LEADBITTER.

Scottish Home Department, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1, 13th October 1949.

SHERIFF COURTS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1907.

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he has made an Order dated the 5th October 1949 under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act, 1907, directing that from and after the 1st November 1949 the ordinary sittings of the Sheriff Court at Dingwall shall be held on Thursday of each week.

Treasury Chambers, London, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under-Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz. :-

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 11) Order, 1949, which provides for the allowance of drawback in respect

of certain cork used in the manufacture of cork prepared for cigarette tipping.

The Order which comes into operation on the 17th October 1949, has been published as Statutory Instruments 1949, No. 1887, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast. Belfast.

Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1, 11th October 1949.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have made Orders which have been published as S.I.s 1949, price 1d. :-

No. 1819.—The Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1949, dated 27th September Ì949.

No. 1822.—The Yarn and Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949, dated 28th September 1949.

No. 1862.—The Women's and Maids' Nylon Hose (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949, dated 4th October 1949.

These Orders can be purchased through any bookseller, agents, or direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast.

NOTICE.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, in exercise of his powers under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927, and by arrangement with the Forestry Commissioners, has, with the object of preventing the introduction into Scotland of diseases and pests injurious to forest trees, made the following two Orders affecting the importation of certain forest trees from abroad:—

(1) The Importation of Forest Trees (Prohibition) (Scotland) Order, 1949, which prohibits the importation of chestnut trees, poplar trees, and certain specified conifers;

(2) The Importation of Plants (Amendment) (Scotland) Order, 1949, which provides for the amendment of the form of certificate of health accompanying imported plants landed in Scotland from abroad.

Copies of the Orders (1949 No. 1861 (S123) and 1949 No. 1860 (S122) respectively) may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, 134 Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2, or through any bookseller. Both Orders come into operation on 15th October 1949.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 to 1937, and AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.). GREAT BRITAIN. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 18/1949. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 30th SEPTEMBER 1949.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 30th September 1949.

		Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
Period.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
Period 16th to 30th September 1949 Corresponding period in { 1948	No. 16 9 11 2	No. 17 9 13 2	No. — 1 — 2	No. — 165 — 220	No. 42 2 101	No	No.	No. 9 7 5	No. — 3 9	No. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
Total 1st January to 30th September 1949	166 79	177 82	13	2,987 200	408 249		$-\frac{1}{1}$	33 48	5 23	
Corresponding period in { 1947	87 69	103 71	103 33	10,890 3, 930	861	1 7	8	64 66	29 326	7 204

Note.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

Note.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (pestis bovina) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (peripneumonia contagiosa bovum) 1898; sheep pox (variola ovium) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (lymphangitis epizootica) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (malleus) 1928. Dourine (exanthema coitale paralyticum) has never existed in Great Britain.