

meadow, down the foot-path to Browsholme Heights-road on the north; along Browsholme Heights-road to the finger-post at the cross-roads, and from thence along the Clitheroe and Whitewell-road to Cow Ash Smithy on the east; thence by the fence above Crane Wood farm, thence by the fence at the bottom of Tom-field, then by the fence at the bottom of Rough-close on the south and south-west; thence by the foot-path leading to Whitewell up to Tommy Barn aforesaid on the west,—which were declared by Orders of Council dated the sixteenth and eighteenth days of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, respectively, to be areas infected with foot-and-mouth disease, are hereby declared to be free from foot-and-mouth disease, and those areas shall, as from the commencement of this Order, cease to be areas infected with foot-and-mouth disease.

C. L. Peel.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, March 23, 1882.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be an Honorary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

His Honour John Henry Brand, President of the Orange Free State.

Foreign Office, March 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint W. G. Spencer Paterson, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Island of Iceland, to reside at Reykjavik.

Whitehall, March 23, 1882.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the "Albert Medal of the Second Class" on—

MR. WILLIAM HINTON, Inland Revenue Officer, Halesowen, in recognition of the gallantry displayed by him under the following circumstances:

On the 13th January, 1891, a fire occurred on the premises of Mr. John Booth (an Ironmonger residing at Halesowen), in the basement of which a large quantity of oil was deposited.

A crowd of three or four hundred people had collected in front of the shop, and a rumour was current that gunpowder was also stored therein.

MR. HINTON having been informed of the locality in which the powder was placed, at once entered the burning premises, amidst dense volumes of smoke, and succeeded in removing therefrom a drawer containing several canisters of gunpowder.

On being told that a large quantity of blasting-powder was also within the building, MR. HINTON, at imminent risk to his life (for the fire was at this time raging fiercely) again entered into the shop, and returned with twenty-five pounds of such material.

The outside of the canister containing the powder was hot and blistered by flames, which were then in actual contact with it, and the heat was so intense that solder was melted on a number of articles which were at a greater distance from the fire than that at which it was found by MR. HINTON.

Those acquainted with the locality of the blasting-powder would not approach it; and had not MR. HINTON, by this conspicuous act of gallantry, rescued it from the premises, in all human probability an explosion would have occurred, destroying a block of three buildings, and causing a great loss of life amongst those assembled.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
March 21, 1882.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Englishcombe Somerset

*Education Department, Whitehall,
March 21, 1882.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Yoxford Suffolk

(C. 964.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
March 22, 1882.*

WITH reference to the Notice which appeared in the London Gazette of the 15th November last, stating that empty grain bags carried by ships touching at a Spanish port should be declared in the ship's manifest, not as ship's stores, but as transit cargo, and in that part of the manifest which is visé by the Spanish Consul, the Board of Trade desire to call attention to the further condition that while any foreign or national vessel coming with cargo from foreign ports, and being of the burthen required for engaging in transit operations may call at a Spanish port to complete her lading with Spanish merchandise for a foreign destination, it is necessary that the effects already on board of such vessel be of a class admissible to entry at the port of call.

The text of the Spanish Customs' Ordinances, together with the appendix showing the classification of Spanish ports, and the description of imports and exports for which they are respectively habilitated may be consulted on application at the Commercial Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens.

(H. 2715.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, March 23, 1882.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of the following Telegram from Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Alexandria, viz.:—

Sanitary Board removed to-day (21st instant) quarantine on arrivals from Bombay after favourable medical inspection. Takes effect to-day, and applies also to vessels now at Port Said or in Canal.

Admiralty, 21st March, 1882.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Staff Commander William Hennessey Parker has this day been placed upon the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain from the same date.