

## MEMORANDA.

Major-General Frederick Samuel Blyth, C.B., to be placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-General. Dated 1st July, 1886.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel James Lawson, half-pay, is placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Major-General. Dated 29th June, 1886.

Major Samuel Hamilton Bunce Northcote, retired, Royal Marine Artillery, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 15th June, 1886.

Major Henry Humphrey Sealy, half-pay, retires on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 30th June, 1886.

Major Francis Mordaunt Shairp, retired, Royal Marine Light Infantry, has been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 28th May, 1886, instead of as stated in Gazette of 22nd June, 1886.

## RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains. Dated 30th June, 1886.

George L. Field.

R. C. Hanbury-Williams, Captain, Royal Monmouthshire Engineer Militia.

## THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

## TITCHFIELD FAIR.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by Seymour Robert Delmé, Esq., an owner, that a Fair has been annually held in the parish of Titchfield, in the county of Southampton, on May 14 and September 25, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should be abolished:

And whereas notice of the said representation and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1871:"

And whereas on such representation and consideration, it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should be abolished:

And whereas Seymour Robert Delmé, Esq., as lord and owner of the said Fair and the tolls thereof, has consented in writing that the said Fair should be abolished:

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1871," do hereby order that the Fair which has been annually held in the parish of Titchfield, in the county of Southampton, on May 14 and September 25, shall be abolished as from the date of this Order.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 24th day of June, 1886.

*Hugh C. E. Childers.*

*Whitehall, June 26, 1886.*

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that he has approved of the transfer of the St. Anne's Certified Industrial School for Roman Catholic Girls, at 60, Mason-street, Liverpool, to new premises at Fresfield, near Liverpool; and that the said new premises have been certified by him as fit to be an Industrial School for the reception of Girls, not exceeding one hundred and fifty in number under the provisions of "The Industrial Schools Act 1866."

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 135.)—RED SEA—WESTERN SHORE.  
NORTH MUSAWWA CHANNEL ENTRANCE.

*Shoal Ground eastward of Karn 'Adaf.*

INFORMATION has been received from Commander Bradford, H.M.S. "Gannet," of the existence of shoal ground lying in the fairway of the northern entrance to North Musawwa Channel, with Karn 'Adaf bearing W. by S., distant about 10 miles:—

This shoal ground (Gannet Bank), over which the "Gannet" passed on 30th April, 1886, is composed of sand with coral patches (the bottom having been clearly seen), and extends about 8 cables in a north and south direction, with a breadth of about 3 cables. From the northern end of the bank, the soundings decrease gradually from 15 to 6 fathoms (the least water obtained); this depth, extending over a small area, is near the southern extreme of the bank, and southward of it, the water deepens quickly.

Position of 6 fathoms patch, lat. 16° 58' N., long. 39° 13' E.

NOTE.—As less water than that obtained may possibly exist on Gannet Bank, mariners should navigate in the vicinity with caution.

[The bearing is magnetic. Variation 4½° Westerly in 1886.]

By command of their Lordships,

*W. J. L. Wharton*, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

11th June, 1886.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red Sea, No. 2523, 8d (sheet 4); Musawwa Channel, No. 164. Also, Red Sea Pilot, 1883, page 101; and Supplement, 1884, to Red Sea Pilot, page 22.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 136.)—SOUTH AMERICA—EAST COAST.  
RIO DE LA PLATA.

*Shoal about 11 (Eleven) Miles South of Lobos Isle.*

INFORMATION has been received from Captain Sir William Wiseman, Bart., H.M.S. "Caroline," of the existence of shoal ground lying in the track of shipping at the entrance to Rio de la Plata, with Lobos Isle bearing N. ½ W., and Pan de Azucar bearing N.W.

The "Caroline," when standing towards Lobos Isle from the southward, gradually shoaled the water from 14 to 7 fathoms, over hard sand, in the (approximate) position—lat. 35° 13' S., long. 54° 53½' W.—deduced from the above bearings, and other considerations.

The heavy sea from the south-eastward, prevailing at the time, caused Captain Wiseman from prudential motives to haul out to the eastward, when the water again deepened to 14 fathoms.

The above bearings were obtained when the water had deepened to 10 fathoms, and Lobos Isle was shortly after steered for on a course of N. by W. ¼ W., without further sign of the shoal.

A patch of 3 fathoms has been several times reported in various positions, vaguely fixed, to the southward of Lobos Isle, and though search by H.M. ships has hitherto been unsuccessful, it appears probable that the "Caroline" has again struck the edge of the shoal.

Mariners should use every precaution in navigating the vicinity of this spot, until the result of the renewed search, shortly to be made, is reported.