Postmen, Walter Thomas Evans (Birmingham), Alfred Francis Lloyd Fevre (Tunbridge Wells), Richard Holmes (Tullamore), Albert Edward King (Newport, Isle of Wight), James McCulloch (Girvan), William Henry White (Nottingham), Alfred Ernest Winspear (Birmingham).

November 21, 1891.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Customs: Out-door Officers, Harry Leonard Darby, Michael Molony.

Inland Revenue: Assistant of Excise, Thomas Tulloch Gair.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Office of Works: Gatekeeper in Hyde Park, George Helyer.

Post Office: Postmon, London, William Tucker. Skilled Mechanic, Fred Myers Blackburn. Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, Frederick George Joy (Manchester), Joseph Sewell Yeo (Liverpool).

Postman, Cardiff, William Summerhayes.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 537 to 557 of the year 1891.)

The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 537.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

United States-Maine.

Fog Signal at Mount Desert Rock Lighthouse. THE United States Government has given notice, that on 30th November, 1891, a fog trumpet will be established at Mount Desert Rock Lighthouse, which, during thick or foggy weather, will give blasts of seven seconds duration, with intervals of forty seconds between the blasts.

Approximate position, lat. 43° 58′ N., long. 68° 8′ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to the Delaware, No. 2670; Bay of Fundy to Block Island, No. 2492; Gouldsborough Bay to Little Spoon Island, No. 903. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Coasts of North America, 1891, No. 518; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports of the United States, 1882, page 20.

No. 538.-NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

United States-Virginia.

Temporary Alteration in Winter Quarter Shoal Light-vessel.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 379 of 1891 :-

The United States Government has given notice, dated 17th October 1891, that the temporary Light-vessel "Drift" had broken from her moorings south-eastward of Winter Quarter

Also, that on 17th October, 1891, the steam tug "Argus" was placed in position south-eastward of Winter Quarter Shoal, and will remain

until replaced by Light-vessel No. 45.

The "Argus" exhibits one fixed red light from the foremast head, and no other lights. The vessel is schooner rigged; hull black, bulwarks yellow; name on each bow; funnel yellow, with red star on side.

During thick or foggy weather, a steam whistle will give blasts of five seconds duration, with two intervals of ten seconds, and one interval of ninety seconds (similar to the fog signal of No. 45 !

Light-vessel). If whistle is disabled, a bell will be sounded by hand.

Approximate position, lat. 37° 57' N., long.

70° 5½' W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart :- Great Egg Harbour to Albemarle Sound, No. 266. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Coasts of North America, 1891, No. 766; Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports of the United States, 1882, page 159; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 7 of 1888, relating to Principal Ports of the United States, page 23.

No. 539.—CHANNEL AND WESTERN, AND NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATIONS.

GULF OF MEXICO.—YUCATAN—NORTH-WEST COAST.

Shoal Reported Northward of Palmas Point.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 6th October, 1891, that Mr. Brinch, commanding the barque "Imperieuse," reports that on 6th May, 1891, that vessel was lost on a shoal lying about three miles northward of Palmas Point. The shoal, composed of coral, and small in extent, has about nine feet water on it, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms close in shore of it.

Approximate position, as given, lat. 21° 5' N.,

long. 90° 20' W.

Note. - On Admiralty Chart, Coast of Yucatan, No. 1205, it is already stated that "Several shoals are reported near the 5-fathoms line off Palmas Point,"

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts: Gulf of Mexico, No. 392; Coast of Yutcatan, No. 1205. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1883, page 379.

No. 540.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

UNITED STATES-RHODE ISLAND. NARRAGANSETT BAY.

Castle Hill Lighthouse-Intended Discontinuance

of Fog Signal.

THE United States Government has given notice, that on 30th November, 1891, the fog bell at Castle Hill Lighthouse, east side of Eastern

Passage, Narragansett Bay, will be discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. 41° 28' N., long. 71° 22′ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Nantucket Shoals to Block Island, No. 2890; Narragansett Bay, No. 2892. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Coasts of North America, 1881, No. 630a; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports of the United States, 1882, page 92.

No. 541.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

United States—Maryland.—Chesapeake

BAY—ANNAPOLIS ROAD.

Fixed Light and Fog Signal on Greenbury Point Shoal, and Discontinuance of Greenbury Point

THE United States Government has given notice, that on 15th November, 1891, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected in about nine feet water, on the south extreme of the shoal extending from Greenbury Point, north side of entrance to Annapolis Harbour:

The light will be a fixed white light of the fourth order, elevated 40 feet above high water, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of about 11 miles.

The lighthouse consists of an iron screw pile