EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 29 Vic., c. 25, and dated the 11th June, 1891, that the Interest thereon for the half-year ending on the 11th December, 1892, will be payable at the Bank of England, on and after the 10th December next; and that the Interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half-year, to 11th June, 1893, will be at the rate of two and a quarter per centum per annum.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, December 6, 1892.

THE RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACT, 1988.

INCREASE OF RATES.

WHEREAS by sub-section 6 of section 33 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, it is enacted that "where a Railway Company intend to make any increase in the tolls, rates, or charges, published in the books required to be kept by the Company for public inspection under section 14 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, or this Act, they shall give by publication in such manner as the Board of Trade may prescribe, at least 14 days' notice of such intended increase, stating in such notice the date on which the ultered rate or charge is to take effect; and no such increase in the published tolls, rates, or charges of the Railway Company shall have effect unless and until the 14 days' notice required under this section has been given."

And whereas by Order dated the 25th day of January, 1889, the Board of Trade prescribed the manner in which such intended increase should

be published.

And whereas it has been represented to the Board of Trade that under the provisions of the Orders confirmed by the several Railway Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Acts, 1891 and 1892, which come into force and have effect from the 1st day of January, 1893, it will be necessary for the various Railway Companies to put altered rates and charges into effect on that date, and that with regard to such altered rates and charges it will not be practicable to comply with the precise terms of the Order of the Board of Trade, dated the 25th day of January, 1889, as to the manner in which notice shall be published of any increase in the tolls, rates, or charges published in the books required to be kept for public inspection by each Railway Company under section 14 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, or the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888.

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade do hereby declare and direct that the Order of the Board of Trade, dated the 25th day of January, 1889, shall not apply to the altered rates and charges which the various Railway Companies affected by the Railway Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Acts, 1891 and 1892, put into effect on the 1st day of January, 1893, as shown in the books required to be kept for public inspection under section 14 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, and the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, but with regard to such altered rates and charges the Board of Trade do hereby prescribe that notice of the coming into effect of the altered rates and charges shall be published by each Railway Company at least 14 days before the 1st day of January, 1893, in the following manner, viz.:—

(I.) By advertisement in at least one newspaper

circulating in each county in which its Railway is situated and in the London Gazette.

(2.) By a placard printed in large type posted and afterwards kept posted, so long as this Order shall remain in force, in two or more conspicuous places in each of the passenger and goods stations on the Company's Railway, bearing an intimation—

(a.) That altered rates and charges will come into effect on the 1st day of January, 1893;

- (b.) That a book or books will on and after the 16th day of December, 189?, be ready and kept as required by section 14 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, at a place to be specified in the notice in each of the Company's stations and wharves, and also at their receiving offices, showing the new rates which will, on and after the 1st day of January, 1893, be charged for the carriage of traffic from such station, wharf, or receiving office, to any place to which merchandise is booked therefrom, and that every such book is from the date of the notice bona fide accessible and open to the inspection of any person during all reasonable hours without the payment of any fee; and
- (c.) That if the Board of Trade intimate to a Railway Company that they are satisfied that, for public convenience, it is necessary for more than one copy of such book or books or of any part thereof respectively to be accessible at any station, a duplicate or as the case may be an extract of so much thereof as the Board of Trade shall prescribe, shall be at once supplied accordingly.

The Board of Trade do hereby further prescribe that no previous publication shall be required in respect of any additional or amended entries in such books which may be made during the months of January and February, 1893, but that the aforesaid Order of the Board of Trade, dated the 25th day of January, 1889, shall revive and have effect on and after the 1st day of March, 1893.

Signed by order of the Board of Trade, this 6th day of December, 1892.

Courtenay Boyle, Assistant-Secretary. Railway Department, Board of Trade.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACTS, 1878 TO 1892.

THE following Gentlemen have ceased to be Temporary Travelling Inspectors under the Board of Agriculture for the purposes of the abovementioned Acts:—

Athole Augustus Chichester, Esq. William Gordon, Esq. Brian Hubert Hill, Isq. Rowland Francis Meyrick, Esq. Board of Agriculture, 3rd December, 1892.

Civil Service Commission, December 9, 1892.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

December 5, 1892.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Post Office: Sorter, London, Henry Vincent Booth.