

Island Bank, and might be mistaken for Le Have Bank in thick weather.

NOTE.—The following caution has been placed on the Admiralty Charts. The bottom in the approach to Halifax is very uneven, and soundings have not yet been obtained in sufficient detail to justify much confidence being placed in a position assumed from depths alone.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Atlantic Ocean, Nos. 2059, 2060*b*; St. John's to Halifax, No. 2666; Halifax to the Delaware, No. 2670. Also, Sailing Directions for the S.E. Coast of Nova Scotia and Bay of Fundy, 1885, pages 5, 17, 93.

No. 64.—MEDITERRANEAN, CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

RED SEA—EAST SHORE.

Decreased Depth Westward of Avocet Rock.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 30th December, 1892, that the Commander of the Messageries Maritimes steamship "Yarra," reports having obtained a sounding of 18 fathoms, near the track usually followed north-west of Jebel Zukur Island, lying with Avocet Rock bearing N. 77° E., distant $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The nearest sounding to this position obtained in 1887 was 59 fathoms, about one mile distant.

Position, to be considered doubtful, lat. $14^{\circ} 19\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $42^{\circ} 34\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1893.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red Sea, 2523, 8*e*; Jebel Teir to Perim Island, No. 143. Also, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1892, page 80.

No. 65.—CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

CHINA SEA—COCHIN CHINA.

Britto Bank—Disappearance of N.W. Whistle Buoy.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 336, of 1892:—

The French Government has given notice, dated 10th January, 1893, that the automatic whistle buoy (black and white vertical stripes) previously moored on the north-west side of Britto Bank, has disappeared. The bank therefore is now only marked by the north-east whistle buoy.

Approximate position of north-west buoy, lat. $10^{\circ} 29\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $107^{\circ} 50\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

As there seems to be a difficulty in maintaining these buoys in such exposed positions, especially during the north-east monsoon, a note has been placed on the Admiralty charts, that "The buoys marking the banks are liable to drift."

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2660*a*; Saigon River to Kam Ranh Bay, No. 1261. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1889, page 437.

No. 66.—NORTH SEA AND BALTIC STATIONS.

ENGLAND—EAST COAST—THE WASH.

Lighting of Lynn Channel.

THE Port Authorities at King's Lynn have given notice, dated 6th January, 1893, that great alterations have taken place in the lighting of Lynn Channel:—

As the channel has undergone great changes since the date of the last Admiralty survey, these lights cannot be placed upon the plan with any advantage to the Mariner until a re-survey is made.

A note has been placed on the plan, "Lynn Channel, has undergone much change since date of survey, and is now well lighted."

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Skegness to Blakeney, No. 108. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1889, pages 175, 176.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
20th to 26th January, 1893.

Borough of Scarborough.

The Scarborough Corporation Electric Lighting Order, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Scarborough (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") intend to transfer all their powers, duties, and liabilities under the abovementioned Order, subject to the exceptions and modifications hereinafter mentioned, to the Scarborough Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") and that the draft deed of transfer will, as soon as conveniently may be after the expiration of one month from the date hereof, be submitted to the Board of Trade for approval, pursuant to section 59 of the said Order.

The area in respect of which the said transfer is proposed to be made is the whole of the area of supply comprised in the said Order.

The period for which the said transfer is proposed to be made is the period of 999 years, from the 31st day of December, 1892, subject as follows, namely:—

The Corporation may, at or within six months after the expiration of 21 years from the date of the said proposed transfer and at or within six months after the expiration of 32 years from the same date and at or within six months after the expiration of any subsequent period of 5 years, by notice in writing, require the Company to sell, and thereupon the Company is to sell the Undertaking to the Corporation. If the purchase be made in exercise of the first option abovementioned, then the Corporation are to pay the Company the value of the Undertaking, and of the goodwill thereof as a going concern (but without any additional allowance for compulsory purchase), and such value is to be determined, in case of difference, by arbitration, and the goodwill is to be valued upon the basis that the powers of the Company would cease at the end of the before-mentioned period of 32 years, and that the cumulative dividend paid during that period shall not have exceeded 10 per cent. per annum. If the purchase is made in exercise of any subsequent option, the price to be paid by the Corporation is to be the then value of the lands, buildings, works, materials, and plant of the Company, suitable to and used by them for the purpose of the Undertaking as specified in the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, such value to be determined by arbitration in accordance with the principles of an arbitration under section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888. In the event of a purchase by the Corporation under any of the said options, the Company's depreciation fund is to become the property of the Corporation without any payment, and the arbitrator is not to take the same into account in determining the value of the Undertaking, or of the said lands, buildings, works, materials, and plant, as the case may be.

The consideration to be paid by the Company to the Corporation in respect of the transfer is the sum of £525. The terms upon which the