

and Coast-Guard flagstaff, East Cowes, S. 9° E.; and the north end with those objects respectively, S. 74° W., distant $4\frac{1}{10}$ cables; and S. 1° W.

The Prince Consort Buoy, conical red, is in a proper position for guarding the North end of the shoal.

The shoal is about a quarter of a cable in width, and an isolated spot of 23 feet depth is situated about a quarter of a cable northward of the north end.

Approximate position, lat. $50^{\circ} 46' 10''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 17' 25''$ W.

[Variation 17° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Owers to Christchurch, No. 2045; the Solent, No. 2040; Spithead, No. 2050; Cowes Harbour, No. 2793. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, page 229.

No. 546.—FRANCE—NORTH-WEST COAST.

Ile D'Ouessant (Ushant)—Intended Experimental Light Signals near Creac'h Lighthouse.

THE French Government has given notice that, on 1st October, 1896, and for a certain number of nights following, experiments will be made with white or coloured Coston Lights at the semaphore near Creac'h Lighthouse.

The exhibition of the lights will depend upon atmospheric conditions, and further notice will be given when the date of the termination of the experiments is known.

Approximate position, lat. $48^{\circ} 27\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$ W.

No. 547.—BERMUDA ISLANDS.

Narrows or Ship Channel—Alteration in Position of No. 7 Buoy.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain J. W. Brackenbury, Bermuda, dated 2nd September, 1896, that No. 7 Buoy (can, black and white chequered) in the Narrows or Ship Channel, has been moved two-thirds of a cable, S. 60° E., and is now moored in a position with St. Catherine Fort flagstaff bearing S. 7° W., distant $4\frac{3}{10}$ cables; and St. David's Head (75) S. 28° E.

NOTE.—This Notice affects the charts having the large correction dated September, 1896.

Approximate position, lat. $32^{\circ} 23' 45''$ N., long. $64^{\circ} 40' 5''$ W.

[Variation 8° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bermuda Islands, with Plan of the Narrows, No. 360; from the Narrows to Hamilton, No. 867. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, page 574; and Revised Supplement, 1894, relating to that work, page 74.

No. 548.—BRITISH COLUMBIA—VAN- COUVER ISLAND.

Nanoos Harbour—Sunken Rocks in Entrance.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain C. H. Adair, Her Majesty's ship, "Imperieuse," dated 27th August, 1896, of the existence of a sunken rock, with a depth of 16 feet on it at low water, situated in the entrance to Nanoose Harbour, in a position with the centre of Entrance Rock bearing S. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. (S. 8° W.), distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables; and Blunden Point E. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. (N. 76° E.).

Approximate position, lat. $49^{\circ} 16' 0''$ N., long. $124^{\circ} 8' 0''$ W.

There is a depth of 4 fathoms close eastward of the above rock; and a rock with a depth of 5 fathoms on it, situated N. 73° E., distant $1\frac{6}{10}$ cables, from the 16 feet rock.

[Variation 24° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Fraser River to N.E. point of Texada Island, No. 579; Plan of Nanoose Harbour on sheet No. 585. Also, British Columbia Pilot, 1888, page 151.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
24th to 25th September, 1896.

Urban District of Fleetwood in the County of Lancaster.

Electric Lighting Acts.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Urban District Council of Fleetwood propose with the consent of the Board of Trade, to transfer to the Fleetwood and District Electric Light and Power Syndicate Limited, of No. 20, Ely-place, in the city of London, their powers, duties, and liabilities, under the Provisional Order made to the Fleetwood Urban Authority by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, and confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1890, for the period and upon such terms as are specified in the draft of a deed already prepared and intended to be submitted to the Board of Trade for their approval, under section 59 of the said Order.

And notice is hereby also given that the said transfer contains, amongst other things, the following provisions, namely:—

- (a.) That the said transfer will comprise the whole of the area in respect of which the said Order was made, such area being the whole of the Urban Sanitary District of Fleetwood.
- (b.) That the said transfer will be for the whole period covered by the said Order, with an option to the Council to re-purchase the whole Undertaking on giving six months' notice at the following periods, viz.:—(1.) At the end of twenty-one years on payment to the transferees the value of the said Undertaking, and of the goodwill thereof as a going concern (but without any additional allowance for compulsory purchase). (2.) At the end of thirty-two years, and after the expiration of any subsequent period of ten years, upon payment of the then value of all lands, buildings, works, materials, and plant of undertakers suitable to and used by them for the purposes 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.
- (c.) That the pecuniary consideration for the intended transfer is to be the payment of £600 to cover the expenses actually incurred by the Council in obtaining the Order, and the expenses incurred thereunder, and in connection with the transfer of the Order.
- (d.) That the price to be charged by the transferees for a supply of energy shall be eightpence per Board of Trade unit, but the transferees shall not charge more than sevenpence per Board of Trade unit without the consent of the Council, such price to be reduced by not less than farthing per unit for each fifteen shillings per cent. of dividend declared over eight per cent. on the whole ordinary stock or share capital of the Undertaking.
- (e.) That the transferees will supply energy for lighting the public street lamps, the Council