3rd (the Buchan) Volunteer Battalion, the Gordon Highlanders, Lieutenant A. W. Robertson is appointed Instructor of Musketry, under the provisions of paragraph 59 of the Volunteer Regulations, 1897. Dated 4th June, 1898.

-3rd (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Hugh Proudfoot Macneill, Esq., late Captain, to be Major. Dated 4th June, 1898.

1st Dumbartonshire, Captain and Honorary Major W. B. Thomson resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 4th June, 1898.

Lieutenant J. F. Duncan to be Captain. Dated

4th June, 1898.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :-

W. M. Campbell. Dated 4th June, 1898. H. J. Veitch. Dated 4th June, 1898.

16th Middlesex (London Irish), The under-mentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants:-

Claude Frederick Thornton. Dated 4th June, 1898.

Harry Edward Gurney. Dated 4th June, 1898.

Alexander Fraser Campbell Maclachlan. Dated 4th June, 1898.

19th Middlesex (St. Giles's and St. George's, Bloomsbury), Joseph Hedley Henderson, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 4th June,

1st Tower Hamlets, Lieutenant A. R. H. Mackay resigns his Commission. Dated 4th June, 1898.

CADET BATTALION.

1st Cadet Battalion, the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), Honorary Captain C. F. Bennett to be Honorary Major. Dated 4th June, 1898.

.. Memoranda.

Volunteer Infantry Brigades. Manchester Brigade, Major A. H. Hope, retired pay, Reserve of Officers, resigns the appointment of Brigade Major. Dated 4th June, 1898.

North Midland Brigade, Major W. W. Bemrose, 1st Volunteer Battalion Derbyshire Regiment, resigns the appointment of Supply and Transport Officer to the Brigade. Dated 4th June, 1898.

Surrey Brigade, Lieutenant L. S. De La Mare, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst holding the appointment of Signalling Officer to the Brigade. Dated 4th June, 1898.

East Yorkshire Brigade, Surgeon-Captain J. F. Porter, M.D., 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), to be Brigade - Surgeon - Lieutenant -Colonel on being appointed Senior Medical Officer to the Brigade. Dated 4th June, 1898.

Whitehall, June 1, 1898.

IN pursuance of Section 53 of the Explosives Act, 1875 (38 Victoria, chapter 17), the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. has been pleased to appoint Captain Maurice Brickdale Lloyd, R.A., to be an Inspector for the purposes of the said Act. Such appointment to take effect from the 1st day of June, 1898.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND). The Wild Birds Protection (County of Middlesex) Order, May, 1898.

Dated May 31, 1898.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and upon application from the County Council of the Administrative County of Middlesex, I hereby make the following Order: -

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Middlesex) Order, May, 1898."

II. BIRDS.

Close Time Extended.

(1.) The time during which the killing and taking of W.ld Birds is prohibited by the Act of 1880 shall be extended, so far as concerns the County of Middlesex, so as to be from the 1st February to the 31st August in every year.

Certain Birds Protected during the whole of the Year.

(2.) During the period from the 1st of September in any year to the 31st January following, the taking or killing of any of the following kinds of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County of Middlesex :- Nightingale, Goldfinch, Lark, Nightjar, Woodpeckers, Kingfisher, Cuckoo, Owls, Kestrel, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Merlin, Hobby, Osprey, Wryneck (Cuckoo's Mate or Snake Bird), Swallow, Martins (2); Swift, Bearded Tir, Reedling or Reed Pheasant, Shrikes, Magpie, Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat, Red Start, Fly Catchers, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Black Cap, Garden Warbler, Wood Warbler, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff, White Throat, Lesser White Throat, Long Tailed Tit, Nuthatch, Wren, Golden Crested Wren, Wagtails (4), Hawfinch, Linnet, Buntings (3), Starling, Landrail or Corncrake, Coot, Chaffinch.

All Birds Protected on Sundays in Certain Parishes.

(3.) During the period from the 1st September in any year to the 31st January following the taking or killing of Wild Birds on Sundays is prohibited in the following parishes in the county of Middlesex :-- Acton, Ashford, Bedfont, New Brentford, Old Brentford, Chiswick, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Ealing, Edgware, Edmonton, Enfield, Feltham, Finchley, Friern Barnet, Greenford, Hampton, Hampton Wick, Hanwell, Hanworth, Harefield, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Weald, Hayes, Hendon, Heston, Hillingdon East, Hillingdon West, Hornsey, Ickenham, Isleworth, Kingsbury, Laleham, Littleton, Northolt, Norwood, Perivale, Pinner, Ruislip, Shepperton, Southgate, South Mimms, Staines, Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington, Tottenham, Twickenham, Abbey, Uxbridge, Wealdstone, Wembley, Willesden, Wood Green, Yiewsley.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880. (4.) "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply within the county of Middlesex to the Wryneck (Cuckoo's Mate or Snake Bird), Swallow, Martins (2), Swift, Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant), Shrikes, Kestrel, Merlin, Hobby, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Osprey, Magpie, and Chaffinch, as if those species were included in the Schedule to the said Act.

III. Eggs.

The taking or destroying of the eggs of the following Wild Bilds is probibited within the county of Middlesex, viz.:—Nightingale, Goldfinch, Lark, Nightjar, Woodpeckers, Kingfisher,