

The undermentioned Officers to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 25th February, 1899:—

Lieutenant Cyril Francis Hawley, from 3rd Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment, in succession to Lieutenant L. B. Cumberland.

Second Lieutenant Norman Joachim Hambro, from 3rd Battalion the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), in succession to Lieutenant G. V. Hordern.

Lieutenant the Honourable Alfred Frederick William Harris, from 3rd Battalion the Hampshire Regiment, vice A. E. Cathcart.

The West India Regiment, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants. Dated 16th November, 1898:—

A. A. J. Broun, vice J. C. Robertson, seconded.

L. G. M. Harcourt, vice H. N. Corbett, deceased.

C. E. Hills, vice R. R. Ricketts, killed in action.

E. Gibb, vice B. Faunce, promoted.

E. H. Reeves, vice E. A. Hulseberg, resigned.

J. S. Brooke, vice C. W. Maclean, transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers.

H. H. Hughes Hallett, vice E. L. V. S. Davies, promoted.

A. Cameron, vice R. R. Lawrenson, promoted.

The Royal Army Medical Corps, Captain Philip

H. Whiston, from the Seconded List, to be Captain, vice W. W. Smith, deceased. Dated 15th January, 1899.

The undermentioned Officers are seconded for service with the Egyptian Army:—

Captain George A. T. Bray. Dated 14th February, 1899.

Captain John H. Rivers. Dated 17th January, 1899.

Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant William Thomas Vidler is cashiered by sentence of a General Court-Martial. Dated 8th February, 1899.

BREVET.

Lieutenant-Colonel George R. Stone, half-pay, to be Colonel. Dated 4th February, 1899.

Civil Service Commission, February 24, 1899.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for not fewer than 45 situations as Female Sorter in the General Post Office, London, will be held in London, on the 11th April, 1899, under the Regulations dated 26th April, 1898, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 22nd March, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County Borough of Croydon) Order, February, 1899.

Dated 20th February, 1899.

WHEREAS by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," the killing or taking of any kind of Wild Bird during the period between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of August in any year was prohibited:

And whereas, by an Order of the Secretary of State, dated the 6th day of July, 1898, this period was extended, so far as concerns the County Borough of Croydon, so as to commence on the 1st day of February and end on the 31st day of August in every year:

Now, I, the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds

Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and for special reasons which have been placed before me in an application from the Council of the said County Borough of Croydon, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection (County Borough of Croydon) Order, 1899.

2. During the period from the 1st September in any year to the 31st January following, the taking or killing of any kind of Wild Bird on Sundays is prohibited within the County Borough of Croydon.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 20th day of February, 1899.

M. W. Ridley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, February 21, 1899.

THE Secretary for Scotland hereby gives notice that the following Order has been made by him under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, upon the application of the County Council of Argyll:—

SCOTLAND.—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Argyll) Order, 1899.

WHEREAS by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, as applying to Scotland, it is, amongst other things, provided as follows:—

Firstly.—Any person who between the first day of March and the first day of August in any year shall knowingly and wilfully shoot or attempt to shoot, or shall use any boat for the purpose of shooting or causing to be shot, any Wild Bird, or shall use any lime, trap, snare, net, or other instrument for the purpose of taking any Wild Bird, or shall expose or offer for sale, or shall have in his control or possession after the fifteenth day of March, any Wild Bird recently killed or taken, shall, on conviction of any such offence before the Sheriff, in the case of any Wild Bird which is included in the schedule hereunto annexed, forfeit and pay for every such bird in respect of which an offence has been committed a sum not exceeding one pound, and, in the case of any other Wild Bird, shall for a first offence be reprimanded and discharged on payment of costs, and for every subsequent offence forfeit and pay for every such Wild Bird in respect of which an offence is committed a sum of money not exceeding five shillings in addition to the costs. This section shall not apply to the owner or occupier of any land, or to any person authorized by the owner or occupier of any land, killing or taking any Wild Bird on such land not included in the Schedule hereto annexed.

Schedule to Act of 1880 as amended by Act of 1881.

American Quail, Auk, Avocet, Bee-eater, Bittern, Bonxie, Colin, Cornish Chough, Coulterneb, Cuckoo, Curlew, Diver, Dotterel, Dunbird, Dunlin, Eider Duck, Fern-owl, Fulmar, Gannet, Goatsucker, Godwit, Goldfinch, Grebe, Green-shank, Guillemot, Gull (except Black-backed Gull), Hoopoe, Kingfisher, Kittiwake, Lapwing, Lark, Loon, Mallard, Marrot, Merganser, Murre, Night-hawk, Nightjar, Nightingale, Oriole, Owl, Ox Bird, Oyster Catcher, Peewit, Petrel, Phalarope, Plover, Ploverspage, Pochard, Puffin, Purre, Razorbill, Redshank, Reeve or Ruff, Roller,

NOTE.—By an Order of the Secretary for Scotland, dated 27th July, 1891, the close time enacted by this section has been extended, so far as regards the county of Zetland, to the 31st day of August in each year.