

No. 846.—SOUTH AMERICA—EAST COAST.

Rio Negro—Depth on Bar, Banks.

THE Argentine Government has given notice, dated September, 1899, that the banks and the depths on the bar of the Rio Negro are reported to have changed considerably. Strangers should not therefore attempt to enter without a pilot unless they have previously examined the entrance.

Approximate position, lat. 41° 2' S., long. 62° 44' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Plan of Rio Negro on Sheet No. 1358. Also, South America Pilot, Part I, 1893, page 317.

No. 847.—AUSTRALIA—EAST COAST.

Claremont Point—Reefs Eastward of, Further Particulars.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 777 of 1899:—

Further information, dated 1st November, 1899, has been received from Commander J. F. Parry, Her Majesty's surveying-vessel "Dart," respecting the shoal heads discovered eastward of Claremont Point, inner route:—

a. Within a few yards of the shoal head of 4½ fathoms, distant 3 miles N. 35° W. from Eff (f) Beacon, a pinnacle rock, having a depth of 3 fathoms over it, was discovered.

Approximate position, lat. 14° 1' 0" S., long. 143° 49' 20" E.

b. A coral shoal, about 1½ cables long north and south and three-quarters of a cable wide, with a least depth of 16 feet over it and 8 to 10 fathoms, mud, around it, is situated with Ead Reef Beacon bearing S. 37° W., distant 15 $\frac{5}{16}$ cables, and See Reef Beacon S. 86° E.

Approximate position, lat. 14° 3' 15" S., long. 143° 55' 40" E.

NOTE.—Mariners are cautioned against endeavouring to pass between Ead and See Reefs; they should follow, as far as practicable, the course recommended.

[Variation 5° Easterly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Claremont Point to Cape Direction, No. 2921; Turtle Group to Claremont Point, No. 2922. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, page 385.

No. 848.—UNITED STATES—CALIFORNIA.

San Diego Bay—Beacon Light Established.

THE United States Government has given notice, that on or about 15th December, 1899, the black beacon situated 4½ cables S.E. by E. ½ E. from Fisherman's Point, San Diego Bay, would be replaced by a pile beacon exhibiting a white fixed light, elevated 2½ feet above high water.

The beacon is painted black with "3½" in white on its sides.

Approximate position, lat. 32° 42' 50" N., long. 117° 13' 30" W.

[Variation 14° Easterly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—San Diego Bay, No. 2885. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1899, page 48; and Sailing Directions for West Coasts of Central America, &c., 1896, page 283.

No. 849.—NOVA SCOTIA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

Sambro Harbour—Light Established.

THE Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 1st December, 1899, that

a light has been established on Bull Point, the south-west side of the entrance to Sambro Harbour.

Bull Point Light is a fixed red dioptric light of the 7th order, elevated 38 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 7 miles.

The lighthouse, 33 feet high, is a square wooden tower with sloping sides, coloured white.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 28' 25" N., long. 63° 35' 25" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Mars Head to Shut-in Island, No. 2410. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1899, page 74; Sailing Directions for the South-East Coast of Nova Scotia, &c., 1894, page 143.

No. 850.—NORTH SEA—WESER RIVER.

Light-Buoy Marking Rother Grund.

THE German Government has given notice, dated 16th December, 1899, that a red spar buoy showing an occulting white light is moored in 6 fathoms water northward of Rother Grund.

From the buoy Rother Sand Lighthouse bears N. ½ E., distant 1 mile, and Wangeroog Lighthouse W. by S.

A red conical watch buoy is moored W. ½ S. of the above position.

Approximate position, lat. 53° 50' 15" N., long. 8° 4' 40" E.

[Variation 12° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Elbe, Weser, and Jade Rivers, No. 1875. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, pages 18 and 202.

No. 851.—BAY OF BENGAL—ARAKAN RIVER.

Akyab Harbour—Rock.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander J. H. Heming, R.N., in charge of the Indian Marine Survey, that an 11-foot rock has been found in Akyab Harbour by Commander Warden, of Royal Indian Marine ship "Dalhousie."

From this rock Savage Island Lighthouse bears S. 43° W., distant 5½ cables, and Casuarina Tree S. 66° E.

Approximate position, lat. 20° 51' N., long. 92° 54½' E.

[Variation 3° Easterly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Arakan River, No. 1834. Also, Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 232.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
28th to 30th December, 1899.

City of Durham.—Electric Lighting.

THE Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Durham, the Undertakers for the purpose of the Durham Corporation Electric Lighting Order, 1899, hereby give notice, that with the consent of the Board of Trade, they propose, by Deed to be approved by the Board of Trade, to transfer their powers, duties, liabilities, and works to the County of Durham Electric Power Distribution Company, Limited, hereinafter called "the Company."

The following are the particulars of the proposed transfer:—

1. The area of supply is to be the whole of the area authorized by the said Order.

2. The Company may be required to sell the Undertaking to the Corporation at any time after the period of twelve years from the 31st day of December next at two years' notice.