

*Education Department, Whitehall,
March 27, 1900.*

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS,
1870-1893.**

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day, under the Local Government Act, 1888, for the re-election of a School Board in the under-mentioned Parish:—

East Ham Essex

(F. & H. 4947.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour
Department), London, March 29, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Rio de Janeiro, viz.:—
Melbourne, Buenos Ayres, Cape Town, declared infected. Sydney, Adelaide, other Pacific ports between Cape Byron and Bass Strait, and in Indian Ocean from Bass Strait to Encla and other ports, Cape Colony, suspected. Paraguayan ports free from plague.

(F. & H. 5249.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour
Department), London, March 29, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Brussels, enclosing the following Decree published in the *Moniteur Belge* of the 22nd instant, viz.:—

Ministère de l'Agriculture.

Service de Santé, Hygiène Publique et Voirie
Communale.

Retrait des mesures contre l'Égypte et le
Mozambique.

Le Ministre de l'Agriculture,

Vu l'arrêté royal du 5 avril 1897, prescrivant des mesures sanitaires relativement à l'importation et au transit des marchandises provenant des pays ou des circonscriptions territoriales déclarés contaminés de peste;

Revu les arrêtés ministériels des 17 août et 17 novembre 1899, rendant applicables les dispositions de cet arrêté, entre autres provenances, à celles de l'Égypte et du Mozambique,

Arrête :

Article unique. Les arrêtés ministériels susvisés cesseront d'être en vigueur en ce qui concerne les provenances de l'Égypte et du Mozambique, à partir du 22 mars 1900.

Bruzelles, le 19 mars 1900.

BON M. VAN DER BRUGGEN.

(F. & H. 5317.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour
Department), London, March 29, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Washington, enclosing the following Circular issued by the United States Government respecting the importation of Rags:—

Disinfection of Rags, &c., imported into the
United States.

1900. Department Circular No. 27.

Division of Customs.

Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary.

Washington, D.C., February 27, 1900

To Officers of the Customs:

The appended regulations issued by the Super-
vising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital

Service on the 14th instant, regarding the importation of rags into the United States, are published for the information and guidance of officers of the customs, who are hereby instructed specially to observe the following requirements:—

1. Disinfection of rags, &c., prior to shipment to the United States, must be shown by certificate of United States Consul or medical officer of the United States abroad, attached to consignee's invoice, or attached to bill of health of importing vessel, in default of which entry of the rags, &c., will be refused until unbaled and disinfected by one of the prescribed methods.

2. Rags, &c., originating in Canada, if shipped directly from a port or place in that country free from quarantinable disease for a period of thirty days prior to shipment, are exempt from requirement of such certificate; but entry must be accompanied by affidavits showing such facts to the satisfaction of the collector of customs.

3. Foreign rags not originating in Canada, but shipped through that country, must be accompanied by the certificate above prescribed, in default of which entry of the rags will be refused until arrival of certificate, or until the rags are unbaled and disinfected by one of the prescribed methods.

O. L. SPAULDING, Acting Secretary.

Amendments to the Quarantine Regulations
regarding Rags imported into the United
States.

1900. Department Circular No. 18.

Treasury Department, Office of the Supervising
Surgeon-General Marine-Hospital Service,
Washington, D.C., February 14, 1900.

To Officers of the Treasury Department, State
and Local Quarantine Officers, and others
concerned:

The following amendments to the regulations
regarding rags and similar articles imported into
the United States are hereby promulgated:

Quarantine Regulations to be observed at
Foreign Ports and at Sea.

Article IV, paragraph 6, Quarantine Regula-
tions to be observed at foreign ports and at sea,
is amended to read as follows:

All rags and textile fabrics used in the manu-
facture of paper and for other purposes, which are
collected, packed or handled in any foreign port or
place, with the exceptions as hereinafter specified,
shall, prior to shipment to the United States, be
subjected to disinfection by one of the prescribed
methods. (Old jute bags, old cotton bags, old
rope, new cotton or linen cuttings from factories,
not included.)

The disinfection of the articles mentioned
herein shall be performed under the supervision
of a United States Consul or a Medical Officer of
the United States, and a certificate in duplicate,
signed by said Consul, or Medical Officer, shall
be issued with each consignment of same, which
certificate shall identify the articles, and state that
they have been disinfected in accordance with the
United States quarantine regulations. The
original certificate of disinfection shall be attached
to the consignee's invoice, and, where the articles
are carried by sea, the duplicate certificate of
disinfection shall be attached to the bill of health
issued to the vessel conveying same.

Exception.

Such articles shipped from the Dominion of
Canada directly to the United States shall be
exempt from this requirement if accompanied by
affidavits demonstrating to the satisfaction of the
collector of customs at the port of arrival that
they have actually originated in Canada and have