JOINT STOCK BANKS.

Name, Title, and Principal Place of Issue.		Average Amount.
		£
Bank of Whitehaven Limited	Whitehaven	9168
Bradford Banking Company Limited	Bradford	17558
Bradford Commercial Joint Stock Banking Company Limited	Bradford	10468
Carlisle and Cumberland Banking Company Limited	Carlisle	23594
Cumberland Union Backing Company Limited	Carlisle	34924
Halifax and Huddersfield Union Banking Company Limited	Halifax	5647
Halifax Commercial Banking Company Limited	Halifax	7036
Halifax Joint Stock Banking Company Limited	Halifax	11460
Knaresborough and Claro Banking Company Limited	Harrogate	22633
Lancaster Banking Company Limited	Lancaster	53708
Lincoln and Lindsey Banking Company Limited	Lincoln	38013
Moore and Robinson's Nottinghamshire Banking Company Limited	Nottingham	8322
North and South Wales Bank Limited	Liverpool	49796
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Banking Company Limited	Nottingham	21417
Pares's Leicestershire Banking Company Limited	Leicester	19986
Sheffield and Hallamshire Bank Limited	Sheffield Not	received.
Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Stock Banking Company Limited	Sheffield	10367
Sheffield Banking Company Limited	Sheffield	11497
Stamford, Spalding, and Boston Banking Company Limited	Stamford	38525
Stuckey's Banking Company Limited	Langport	105469
Wakefield and Barnsley Union Bank Limited	Wakefield	6502
West Riding Union Banking Company Limited	Huddersfield	8520
Whitehaven Joint Stock Banking Company Limited	Whitehaven	25796
Wilts and Dorset Banking Company Limited	Salisbury	64157
York City and County Banking Company Limited Yorkshire Banking Company Limited	York Leeds York	89579 98034 `67390

ERNEST CLEAVE, Registrar of Bank Returns.

Inland Revenue Office, November 3, 1900.

In the High Court of Justice.—Chancery Division Mr. Justice Cozens-Hardy.

In the Matter of the Darwin Steamship Company Limited, and in the Matter of the Companies

(Memorandum of Association) Act, 1890. NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition was on the 25th day of October, 1900, presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above named Company, to confirm Special Resolutions of the Company unanimously passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 21st day of August, 1900, and subsequently unanimously confirmed at an Extraordinary General Meeeting of the said Company held on the 6th day of September. 1900,-the effect of such resolutions being to extend the objects of the Company so as to include a power to own more than one steamship, to provide for an increase of the capital of the Company by the creation of 4,350 shares of £20 each, and to effect an alteration of the Articles of Association of the Company so as to remove the restriction on their borrowing powers. And notice is further given, that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Cozens-Hardy, on Saturday the 17th day of November, 1900; and any person interested in the said Company whether as shareholder, creditor

or otherwise who may be desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said resolutions, under the above Act, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for the purpose; and a copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.—Dated the 3rd day of November, 1900.

PRITCHARD and Sons, 9, Gracechurchstreet, E.C., Solicitors for the Company.

West Flanders Railways. London Agency, 10, Moorgate-Street, November 5, 1900.

November 3, 1900. N OTICE is hereby given, that a Dividend at the rate of 5s. 3d. or 6 francs 65 centimes per share on the ordinary shares for the half-year ended 30th June, 1900 (Coupon Number 103), and on the preference shares at the rate of 5s. 6d. or 6 francs $87\frac{1}{2}$ centimes per share (Coupon Number 96) will become payable on and after the 15th November instant, at the Agency of the Company in London, Messrs. Balser and Co., Bankers, in Brussels, and at the Banque de la-Flandre Occidentale, Bruges.

By order, C. A. VEZEY, Secretary