

3,500 feet N. 2° E. from the northern entrance of Midnight Branch and is 154 feet broad; it is marked on each side by two wooden beacons, and four buoys surmounted by flags, those on the eastern side are painted red, those on the western side painted black.

Two leading masts, 980 feet apart, have been erected on the western point of the northern entrance to Midnight Branch, elevated 20 and 27 feet respectively above the sea, the front mast is surmounted by a black triangle, point upwards, the rear mast with a black triangle, point downwards; a red fixed light is exhibited from the front mast, and a white fixed light from the rear mast; these two masts or lights in line S. 2° W. lead through the dredged channel.

Midnight Branch is not marked, but at the western point of its southern entrance two mast beacons, painted black, have been erected, and on the eastern point a similar beacon, painted red.

Approximate position, southern entrance, lat. 45° 26½' N., long. 29° 42½' E.

[Variation 2° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—River Danube, No. 2207. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1900, page 196; and Sailing Directions for Dardanelles, &c., 1893, page 224.

No. 84.—WHITE SEA.

Gulf of Onega—Shoals Marked by Buoys.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 4th November, 1900, of the existence of the following shoals which have been marked by buoys in the Gulf of Onega:—

a. A shoal with depths over it of between 4 and 5 feet southward of Ked Island. It is marked by a buoy surmounted by a red upturned broom on a red perch moored in a depth of 13 feet, low water, at a distance of 1½ miles S. 27° W. from the southern extremity of Ked Island.

Approximate position, lat. 63° 59½' N., long. 36° 45' E.

b. A rock which dries situated at a distance of 1½ miles N. 27° E. from the centre of Lakh Island; it is marked by a buoy surmounted by a black down-turned broom on a white perch moored in a depth of 18 feet, low water, about 3 cables north-westward of the rock.

Approximate position, lat. 63° 57½' N., long. 36° 49' E.

c. To mark the north-eastern extremity of the rocks south-westward of Abakumikha, a buoy surmounted by a red upturned broom on a red perch has been moored in a depth of 6½ fathoms at a distance of 1½ miles S. 54° W. from Abakumikha Island.

Approximate position, lat. 64° 14' N., long. 36° 31½' E.

[Variation 6° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—White Sea, Sheet III, No. 2275. Also, Arctic Pilot, Vol. I, 1898, pages 234, 235.

No. 85.—PACIFIC—SAMOA ISLANDS, TUTUILA.

Pango Pango Harbour—Light Exhibited on Breaker Point.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 5th January, 1901, that a white fixed light, elevated 188 feet above high water, and visible from a distance of 8 miles, is exhibited on Breaker Point, Pango Pango Harbour Entrance; it is shown from an iron tripod painted white, erected on the highest point of the bluff over Breaker Point.

Approximate position, lat. 14° 19' S., long. 170° 39½' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Samoa Islands, No. 1730. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1900, page 86; Pacific Islands, Vol. II, 1891, page 65; and Vol. II, 1900 (now in press), page 107.

No. 86.—CANADA—NOVA SCOTIA.

Jeddore Harbour—Leading Lights Buoys Established.

THE Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, that on 15th January, 1901, two white fixed leading catoptric lights would be established to the southward of Marsh Point, Jeddore Harbour.

The front light is elevated 51 feet above high water, and visible from a distance of 9 miles; it is shown from a square wooden tower, 33 feet high, and painted white, erected about 200 feet inside the coast line with the summit of West-head bearing S. 30° W., distant 8½ cables.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 42½' N., long. 63° 0½' W.

The rear light is elevated 105 feet above high water, and visible from a distance of 16 miles; it is shown from a similar tower 28 feet high, erected about 1½ cables N. 5° E. from the front light.

These two lights in line N. 5° E. clear the Old Man and lead into the entrance of the harbour; they are only visible over a small arc on either side of the leading line.

Also, that the eastern extremity of Thorn Shoal is marked by a can buoy, painted black, and the western extremity of the Bar Shoal by a conical buoy painted red; they have been placed on the Chart with Westhead Summit bearing N. 32° W., distant 5 cables, and S. 48° W., distant 6 cables respectively.

[Variation 22° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Sambro Island to Cape Canso, No. 729; Shut in Island to Pope Harbour, No. 2439. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1900, page 72; and Sailing Directions for S.E. Coast of Nova Scotia, &c., 1894, pages 114, 115, 116.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
30th January to 1st February, 1901.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her late Majesty, intitled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Reginald MacLeod, C.B., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that on and after the 1st day of April next—

(1.) The area of Poplar Registration District shall be made identical with that of Poplar Poor Law Union, as it will be constituted under the provisions of the London Government Act, 1899, on and after the 25th of March, 1901;

(2.) The areas coloured green on the official map of the Metropolitan Borough of Poplar, and lying outside the proposed new boundary shall cease to form part of Poplar Registration District;

(3.) The added areas coloured red and numbered 2, 4, 24, and 26 on the same map shall form part of Bow Sub-District;

(4.) The added areas coloured red and numbered 21 and 23 on the same map shall form part of Bromley Sub-District; and