

(Twickenham), Edwin Porter (Bridgwater), Denis Wilson (Sheffield), Humphrey Wynne (Llandudno).

Temporary Assistant Postmen, John Burrow (Manchester), William Heald (Sheffield), John William Jones (Manchester), James Mitchell (Oldham), Frank Rhodes (Oldham).

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY BOY COPYIST (NEW CLASS).
Samuel John Parker.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Beacontree, in the county of Essex, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to His

Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Court House, Great Eastern-road, Stratford, London, E., on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Beacontree aforesaid.

F. Lacy Robinson.
Bernard Mallet.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, June 10, 1901.

War Office, June 11, 1901.

THE King has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
1st Battalion West Riding Regiment	Sergeant W. Firth...	During the action at Plewman's Farm, near Arundel, Cape Colony, on the 24th February, 1900, Lance-Corporal Blackman having been wounded and lying exposed to a hot fire at a range of from four to five hundred yards, Sergeant Firth picked him up and carried him to cover. Later in the day, when the enemy had advanced to within a short distance of the firing line, Second Lieutenant Wilson being dangerously wounded and in a most exposed position, Sergeant Firth carried him over the crest of the ridge, which was being held by the troops, to shelter, and was himself shot through the nose and eye whilst doing so.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 399 to 407 of the year 1901.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 399.—AFRICA—RIVER CONGO.

Boma Light—Discontinued.

INFORMATION, dated 30th May, 1901, has been received from Captain H. Purey-Cust, late in command of His Majesty's surveying-vessel "Rambler," that the light (red fixed) at Boma, River Congo, has been discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. 5° 54' S., long. 13° 2' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—River Congo, No. 625. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1901, No. 785, and Africa Pilot, Part II (now in press), page 166.

No. 400.—AUSTRALIA—QUEENSLAND, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE BAY.

Wikingen Shoal, and Three-Fathom Patch—Non-Existence of: Clark Bank, Depth on.

INFORMATION, dated 1st April, 1901, has been received from Lieutenant and Commander C. E. Monro, His Majesty's surveying-vessel "Dart," that he had sounded over the supposed position of the Wikingen Shoal in Princess Charlotte Bay, without discovering any sign of danger. As this shoal has been searched for on previous occasions without success, and as it was originally reported as being partially dry

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at low water, it is believed not to exist, and has consequently been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

Also with reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 393 of 1893, further search has been made for the coral patch reported to exist in lat. 14° 12' S., long. 143° 55' E., without effect. It is therefore considered that this danger is identical with the 3-fathom patch (now named Olive) situated in lat. 14° 11' S., long. 143° 56' 05" E., as was stated was probably the case, in Notice to Mariners No. 813 of 1900. The southern shoal has therefore been expunged.

Although His Majesty's ship "Dart" closely examined Clark Bank, lat. 14° 7' S., long. 143° 56' E., also originally reported in Notice to Mariners No. 393 of 1893, without obtaining less depths than 5 fathoms, it is probable that there is as little as 3½ fathoms on this danger, as Mr. Clark states he sounded in that depth on a pinnacle. The 3½ fathoms has therefore been inserted on the Admiralty Chart.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Turtle Group to Claremont Point, No. 2922. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, page 384.

No. 401.—NETHERLANDS—ZUIDER ZEE.

Urk Light Discontinued—Temporary Lights Established.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 21st May, 1901, that until further