

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, May 23, 1902.*

H. 8327.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated May 15, from His Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, intimating that the Portuguese Board of Health have declared the following ports to be infected:—

With bubonic plague, the ports of the British Protectorate in East Africa from March 7.

With cholera, the port of Singapore from January 31, and the ports of Canton and Hong Kong from April 2.

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H. 8328.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated May 22, from His Majesty's Representative at Zanzibar, intimating that Mozambique has placed Zanzibar and coast of East Africa Protectorate in quarantine.

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H. 8373.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated May 22, from His Majesty's Representative at Rome:—"By Maritime Sanitary Ordinance of to-day Alexandria declared infected with plague; arrivals subjected to restrictions of Ordinance No. 5 of February 23. Ordinance No. 3 of 1902 respecting arrivals from New Chang and coast of Gulf of Sian Chung is cancelled."

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, May 24, 1902.*

H. 8380.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated May 16, from His Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, intimating that the Government of the Danish Antilles on account of small-pox at Puerto Rico have imposed a quarantine of fifteen days against vessels from Puerto Rico, Viequez, and Culebra, to date from the 15th instant."

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H. 8381.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated May 17, from His Majesty's Representative at Sofia, intimating that Buenos Aires has been officially declared to be infected by plague from 18th April.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, May 27, 1902.*

H. 8488.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated May 26, from His Majesty's Representative at Athens:—"Five days' quarantine imposed on arrivals from Egypt."

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, May 22, 1902.*

H. 7695.

For the purposes of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, and all Provisional Orders and Licences made and issued thereunder, the Board of Trade approve of the pattern and construction of the meter for the measurement of electrical quantity, when supplied on the constant potential continuous current system, hereinafter described, viz.:—the meter, No. 9910, deposited at the Board of Trade, on the 15th day of April, 1902, by Chamberlain and Hookham Limited, of 4, New Bartholomew-street, Birmingham, and sealed by the Board of Trade and known as the Hookham Meter.

The Board of Trade further approve of the following manner of fixing meters of this description, and of connecting them with the service lines:—

The meter is to be fixed by screws to a horizontal support.

In connecting the meter with the service lines one service line is to be cut and the ends bared of insulation at the cut for about one inch, the insulation being cut straight across. The outside of the insulating material is to be made to fit closely the hole through which the line is passed to the terminal, indiarubber tape or other insulating material being wound on to the requisite thickness if necessary.

The connection is to be made so that the current is passed through the meter in the right direction, viz.:—from the terminal marked + to the terminal marked —; the conductors are to be tightly clamped in their terminals: the insulation between each conductor and the case is to be good; and the ends of the conductors are not to project beyond the tops of the terminal boxes.

Signed by order of the Board of Trade this 22nd day of May, 1902.

*T. H. W. Pelham, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trade.*

*Admiralty, 23rd May, 1902.*

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—  
Gerard Brook Riley. Dated 15th July, 1901.  
Herbert Noel Stewart. Dated 15th February, 1902.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Reginald Chapman Venning has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1900.

*Admiralty, 26th May, 1902.*

Clerk Basil Edward Porter has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th May, 1902.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Francis Conrad Hooper has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 23rd January, 1901.

#### REDUCTION OF RATE FOR TELEGRAMS TO MUSCAT.

The rate for telegrams to Muscat by the route of the Indo-European Telegraph Company has been reduced to 2s. 3d. per word.

#### OPENING OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH BISMARCKSBURG IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

Telegrams can now be sent to Bismarcksburg in German East Africa at the rate of 3s. 7d. per word.