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*Downing Street,
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The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Richard Witty Foster, Esq., who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of South Australia.

Whitehall, August 15, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to grant unto Alfred Evans Vinter, Clerk in Holy Orders, Master of Arts of the University of Cambridge, Principal of the Hockerill Training College in the parish of Bishop Stortford and county of Hertford, and to Alicia Harriett, his wife, only daughter of Charles Murray Aynsley, late of Hall Court, in the parish of Botley and county of Southampton, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Vice-Admiral in Her late Majesty's Royal Navy, deceased, His Royal licence and authority that they may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will of the said Charles Murray Aynsley, take, use, and henceforth bear the surnames of Murray-Aynsley in lieu of and in substitution for that of Vinter; that he the said Alfred Evans Vinter may bear the arms of Murray and Aynsley, and that such surnames and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by the issue of their marriage; the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, August 26, 1904.*

H. 11294.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated August 21, from His Majesty's Representative at Sofia, intimating that, owing to the appearance of cholera in the north-west of Persia as well as in the town of Baku, Russia, the Bulgarian Government have prescribed that vessels arriving from Batoum and Poti will be admitted to free pratique in the ports of Bourgas and Varna only after a strict medical examination, to which passengers and goods bound for Bulgaria will also be subjected.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

Snowdon and Bettws-y-Coed Light Railway Order, 1904.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade, for confirmation under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Carnarvon, from the termination of the authorized Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowdon Railway to Bettws-y-Coed.

Any objections to the confirmation of the Order should be addressed to the Assistant-Secretary (Railway Department), Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., and must be lodged with the Board on or before the 17th September, 1904. These should be accompanied by copies of any clauses or amendments that may be desired to remove the objections, and copies of such objections and clauses or amendments should at the same time be sent to one of the Promoters' Agents named below.