Foreign Office, March 11, 1905.

The KING has been pleased to approve of:-Señor Michael de Cordova as Consul-General of

Nicaragua at Kingston, Jamaica; Don José de Cubas y Sagarzazu as Consul of Spain at Newcastle-on-Tyne, with Consular jurisdiction over Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham

Mr. Eugène Etienne Dubief as Consul in charge of the French Vice-Consulate at Jersey, with Consular jurisdiction over the Channel Islands; Don Joaquim Garcia Conde, junior, to be Consul

of Mexico at Newcastle-on-Tyne; and Señor J. Ignacio Diaz Granados as Consul of Colombia at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

INEBRIATES ACT, 1898.

LANCASHIRE INEBRIATE REFORMATORY, Whalley, near Blackburn.

The Right Honourable Aretas Akers-Douglas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby gives notice that the Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1898, for the management and discipline of the above-mentioned certified Inebriate Reformatory, which were approved by him on the 12th August, 1904, having lain on the Table of each House of Parliament for a period of four weeks, came into force to-day

Whitehall, 17th March, 1905.

Factory Department, Home Office, March 15, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. A. D. Hunt, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Chagford, in the county of Devon, is vacant,

Factory Department, Home Office, March 15, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. Scott-Wilson, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Walsall, in the county of Stafford, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, March 20, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. E. J. Tongue to be Certifying Surgeof, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Winterton District of the county of Lincoln.

Factory Department, Home Office, March 20, 1905.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. 1

C. C. Weeks, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Lewisham, in the county of London, is vacant.

Treasury Chambers, 21st March, 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, under the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, 38 and 39 Vict., c. 45, s. 8, that the sum of £1,500,000 will shortly be issued to the National Debt Commissioners on account of the New Sinking Fund for the year 1904-5, and that the balance will be issued when ascertained.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, March 18, 1905. H. 3480.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated March 8, from His Majesty's Representative at The Hague, intimating that the following measures to be taken in Holland for the prevention of plague will remain in force for the coming year.

The following are forbidden, except by permission of the Minister for Home Affairs, and subject to the due observance of the directions which shall be given by him for the prevention of the spread of infection:-

1. The examination of persons and goods, to detect the presence of infectious matter, by means of experiments on animals.

2. The performance of autopsy of bodies of persons who have died from plague or who are suspected to have been suffering from plague.

3. The removal of matter which is known or suspected to be infectious.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, March 21, 1905. H. 3908.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated March 9, from His Majesty's Representative at Tangier, intimating that vessels conveying Moors returning from the Hedjaz must, after they have undergone the quarantine at Tor, convey them to Matifou, where they must perform a second quarantine. From Matifou they must be brought to Tangier, where they will be permitted to land after medical inspection should the conditions be found satisfactory, otherwise the vessel must proceed to Mogador Island and land the passengers at the quarantine station there.

WAR MEDALS AND GRATUITIES. SOMALILAND, 1902-04.

Admiralty, March 21, 1905.

HIS MAJESTY The King having been graciously pleased to approve of the award of Medals and Clasps to the Naval and Marine forces employed in the operations in Somaliland, between 18th January, 1902, and 11th May,