the Home for Mentally Defective Boys at Acrelane, Brixton (which was opened on the 3rd October, 1905), for the reception of boys who, but for mental defect, would be committed to ordinary Industrial Schools.

The Home is certified for 32 boys.

The Certificate bears date the 25th instant.

Whitehall, 26th May, 1906.

Factory Department, Home Office, May 28, 1906.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. L. Ritchie to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Cavendish District of the county of Suffolk.

Factory Department, Home Office, May 25, 1906.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. C. N. Gwynne, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Sheffield, in the county of York, is vacant.

Buckingham Palace, May 28, 1906.

This day had Audience of The King:-

Count Danneskjold-Samsöe, on a Special Mission from His Majesty the King of Denmark, to announce His Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

Foreign Office,

May 22, 1906.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Alfred Cartwright, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the provinces of Esmeralda, Manavi, El Oro, and Guayas, to reside at Guayaquil.

Foreign Office, May 22, 1906.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of—

Señor Don Emilio de Perera y Blesa as Consul-General of Spain at Montreal;

M. Alexandre Polovtzow as Consul-General of Russia at Bombay;

Mr. Frederick E. Bright as Consul of the United States of America at Huddersfield;

Mr. M. Krauss as German Consul at Akyab, British Burmah;

Mr. D. W. Campbell as Consul of Cuba at Montreal;

Mr. Audley Coote as Consul of Panama at Sydney, New South Wales;

Mr. Franz Boehm as Consul of Honduras at Manchester;

Mr. Fred Crundall as Vice-Consul of Greece at Dover;

Mr. Fred W. Hadden as Vice-Consul of Greece at Leith.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

Bath Electric Tramways (Light Railway Extensions) Order, 1906.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade for confirmation, under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them for the construction of Light Railways in the rural district of Keynsham, in the county of Somerset (being an extension of the existing and authorized undertaking of Bath Electric Tramways Limited).

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 19th June, 1906. 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 the Promoters' Agents named below.

Copies of the Order as submitted for confirmation may be obtained on payment of not exceeding one shilling per copy from Messrs. Paines, Blyth, and Huxtable, 14, St. Helen's-place, London, E.C.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., 25th May, 1906.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department) London, May 28, 1906. H. 6707.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated May 14th, from His Majesty's Representative at Paris, enclosing the following Decree containing regulations for the destruction of rats on ships coming from ports infected with plague:—

Ministère de l'intérieur.

Le Président de la République française,

Sur le rapport du ministre de l'intérieur et du ministre des finances,

Vu l'article 1er de la loi du 3 mars 1822 sur la police sanitaire, les décrets des 4 janvier 1896, 15 avril 1897, 15 juin 1899, 23 septembre 1900 et 21 septembre 1903,

Décrète:

ART. 1er.—La destruction des rats ou "dératisation," exclusivement pratiquée au moyen d'appareils dont l'efficacité a été reconnue par le conseil supérieur d'hygiène publique de France, est obligatoire pour l'admission dans les ports français: