

the said Fairs should in future be held on the 20th day of April and the 29th day of October in each year—the old dates for the holding of the Fairs—or on the following Monday when the 20th April or the 29th October is a Sunday:

Now therefore I, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the Fairs Act, 1873, do hereby order that the Stock Fairs which, commencing with the year 1905, have been held annually at Usk on the third Monday in the months of April and October respectively, shall in future be held on the 20th day of April and the 29th day of October in each year—the old dates for the holding of the Fairs—or on the following Monday when the 20th April or the 29th October is a Sunday.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 4th day of March, 1909.

H. J. Gladstone.

*Crown Office,
March 2, 1909.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Forfar.

James Falconer, Esq., in the place of the Right Honourable John Sinclair, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.

*Crown Office,
March 4, 1909.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

*Parliamentary Burgh of Glasgow
(Central Division).*

The Right Honourable Charles Scott Dickson, K.C., in the place of Sir Andrew Mitchell Torrance, Knight, deceased.

MERSEY CONSERVANCY ACT.

Mersey Conservancy,
66, Victoria-street, S.W.,
3rd March, 1909.

I hereby give notice, pursuant to the 9th section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 110, intitled "An Act for better preserving the Navigation of the River Mersey," that I have received a notice from the Liverpool Barge and Coaling Company Limited, given pursuant to the provisions of the above mentioned Act, of their intention to construct a coaling station at Monks Ferry Slip, Cheshire, in accordance with plans and sections deposited at this office, a copy of which notice is subjoined.

*G. S. Nares, Vice-Admiral,
Acting Conservator of the Mersey.*

To Vice-Admiral Sir G. S. Nares, K.C.B., F.R.S.,
Acting Conservator of the River Mersey.

In pursuance of an Act for better preserving the Navigation of the River Mersey (5 and 6 Vic., cap. 110), We, the Liverpool Barge and Coaling Company Limited, hereby give you notice that we propose to construct at Monks Ferry Slip, Birkenhead, in accordance with plans and sections deposited at the Office of the Mersey Conservancy, a coaling depôt situate on the River front at Monks Ferry Slip, lying between the ship yard of Messrs. Cammel, Laird and Co. Limited, and the repairing Docks of Messrs. Clover and Co. The plant will consist of eight coal storage bins, with a total capacity of 3,200 tons of coal. The bins will be constructed of iron and concrete; the length will be 240 feet, width 30 feet, height 40 feet, as shown on plans supplied. There will be no projection into the River beyond the present quay face and slip; and the depôt will, in no way, interfere with or impede the tidal waters of the Mersey. It is also desired to excavate alongside the slip to a depth of 16 feet immediately in front of the space occupied by the bins so as to give 18 feet depth of water at lowest tides to enable barges to lie alongside the slip at all states of the tide, and to coal from the bins. It is intended to commence the work in April next.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1909.

THE LIVERPOOL BARGE AND COALING CO.

Admiralty, 1st March, 1909.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Commander Louis James MacHutchin has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain. Dated 22nd February, 1909.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Alexander Bremner Thomson to be Lieutenant. Dated 27th February, 1909.

Admiralty, 2nd March, 1909.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903—
Lieutenant John Coleman has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 28th February, 1909.

Sub-Lieutenant Roland Aubin Vavasor Darell has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th September, 1908.

Chief Boatswain James Joseph Bly has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 22nd February, 1909.

Staff Paymaster Wilfrid Joseph Aloysius Carter has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 28th February, 1909.

Clerk John Eustace Hargrave has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 8th February, 1909.