Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 16, 1909.

H. 15955.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translation of a Notice, dated November 29th, issued by the Swedish Board of Trade, altering the Regulations concerning observation stations against the introduction of plague and cholera into Sweden:—

The Royal Board of Trade, in compliance with the Order in Council of June 16th, 1905, regarding amended prescriptions for preventing the introduction of plague or cholera into the Kingdom of Sweden, hereby make known that the stations of observation at Arkö, in the archipelago of East-Gothia, and Västra Hästholmen (Hasslö), in the archipelago of Karlskrona shall, at the expiration of the 1st of December, 1909, cease to be in operation.

The following stations of observations and quarantine are, from and including the 2nd of December, 1909, to be in operation, viz., Känsö, near Gothenburg, and the Island of Fejan, in the archipelago of Stockholm, as stations of observation and quarantine; Hälsingborg, Juniskären, in the archipelago of Sundsvall, and the port of Slite, in Gottland, as stations of observation.

For Finnish steamers keeping up regular traffic between the south of Finland and Stockholm a station of observation is arranged in the port of Stockholm.

Stockholm, the 29th of November, 1909.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 16, 1909.

H. 15959.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated December 13th, from His Majesty's Representative at Para:---For the week ending December 11th, three deaths from yellow fever; one non-imported case of plague has occurred and been isolated; no deaths from plague: rodents are being destroyed and examined for plague infection.

> Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 16, 1909.

H. 15965.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the following Quarantine Notice, dated December 8th, issued by the Governor of Malta:---

GOVERNMENT NOTICE. No. 246.

Information having been received that an infectious or contagious disease, dangerous to mankind, to wit, bubonic plague, exists at Alexandretta and Beirout, it is hereby declared that Alexandretta and Beirout are infected places

within the meaning of Article 1 of the Regulations made under the Fourth Sanitary Ordinance, 1908, and published on the 28th August, 1908.

By command,

E. M. MEREWETHER, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Secretary to Government.

Lieut.-Governor's Office, The Palace, Valletta, December 8, 1909.

Admiralty, 14th December, 1909.

Staff Paymaster Harry Foden has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 12th December, 1909.

Admiralty, 16th December, 1909.

Gunner Edwin Mark Rowe Thomson has this day been promoted to the rank of Chief Gunner in His Majesty's Fleet.

War Office, Whitehall, 17th December, 1909.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Major-General Alfred E. Codrington, C.V.O.. C.B., from commanding the 1st London Division, Territorial Force, to command the London District, vice Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir F. W. Stopford, KC.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., who has vacated that appointment on promotion. Dated 10th December, 1909.

Captain Gerald E. Tyrrell, Royal Artillery, to be a Military Attaché, and is granted the temporary rank of Major while so employed, vice Colonel H. C. Surtees, C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Dated 4th December, 1909.

UAVALRY.

- 4th (Queen's Own) Hussars. Second Lieutenant Leonard H. Cripps to be Lieutenant, vice W. Neilson, promoted. Dated 15th September, 1909.
- 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars, Lieutenant Herbert P. Chaplin resigns his Commission. Dated 18th December, 1909.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Edmund A. P. Hobday, on completion of five years' service as a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is placed on the Half-pay List. Dated 18th December, 1909.

Major Phillip E. Gray to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice E. A. P. Hobday. Dated 18th December, 1909.