Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, May 25, 1911.

H. 6821.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Notice, dated the 16th May, issued by the Swedish Board of Trade:—In compliance with the Royal Order in Council of June 16th, 1905, the Royal Swedish Board of Trade declare the town of Smyrna infected with cholera, the ports of the Persian Gulf infected with plague, and Dutch East India infected with cholera and plague.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, May 25, 1911.

H. 6828.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated the 23rd May, from His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople:—Twenty-four hours' observation and disinfection reimposed on arrivals from Smyrna, where cholera has broken out again.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, May 25, 1911.

H. 6836.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated the 24th May, from His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople:—Five days' quarantine voyage included disinfection and rat destruction have been imposed on arrivals from Bahrein, where plague epidemic.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, May 25, 1911.

H. 6884.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated the 24th May, from his Majesty's Minister at Lisbon:
—Notification published in Government Gazette of to-day: Port of Bolama declared to be infected with yellow fever from April 15.

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

Order of the Board of Trade under Section 5 (2).

WHEREAS by section 4 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, it is amongst other things provided as follows:—

(1) Trade Boards shall, subject to the provisions of this section, fix minimum rates of

wages for time-work for their trades (in this Act referred to as minimum time-rates), and may also fix general minimum rates of wages for piece-work for their trades (in this Act referred to as general minimum piece-rates), and those rates of wages (whether time or piece rates) may be fixed so as to apply universally to the trade, or so as to apply to any special process in the work of the trade or to any special class of workers in the trade, or to any special area.

(2) Before fixing any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate, the Trade Board shall give notice of the rate which they propose to fix and consider any objections to the rate which may be lodged with them within three

months.

(3) The Trade Board shall give notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piecerate fixed by them.

AND WHEREAS by section 5 of the said Act it is amongst other things provided:—

(1) Until a minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by a Trade Board has been made obligatory by order of the Board of Trade under this section, the operation of the rate shall be limited as in this Act provided.

(2) Upon the expiration of six months from the date on which a Trade Board have given notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them, the Board of Trade shall make an Order (in this Act referred to as an obligatory Order) making that minimum rate obligatory in cases in which it is applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed, unless they are of opinion that the circumstances are such as to make it premature or otherwise undesirable to make an obligatory Order, and in that case they shall make an Order suspending the obligatory operation of the rate (in this Act referred to as an Order of Suspension).

AND WHEREAS on the 23rd day of November, 1910, the Trade Board established under the said Act for the Hammered and Dollied or Tommied Chain-making trade fixed general minimum piece-rates for making Hand-Hammered Chain (Country Branch), and the rates so fixed are set out in the Schedule hereto:

AND WHEREAS the said rates have been in limited operation since the 23rd day of November, 1910:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers in them vested as before recited, do by this Order make the said general minimum piece-rates so fixed by the said Trade Board on the 23rd day of November, 1910, and set out in the said Schedule hereto, obligatory in cases in which they are applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed in the said trade.

DATED this 24th day of May, 1911.

Sydney Buxton,

President of the Board of Trade.

Admiralty, 23rd May, 1911.

In accordance with the provisions of Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Rear - Admiral Arthur Wartensleben Ewart has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 15th May, 1911.