appoint Professor Thomas John Jehu, M.D., M.A., F.R.S.E., F.G.S., Lecturer on Geology in the University of St. Andrews, to the Chair of Geology in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the resignation of Professor James Geikie.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACTS, 1896 AND 1912.

MID-FLINTSHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY ORDER.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade for confirmation, under the above-mentioned Acts, an Order made by them authorising the construction of Light Railways in the County of Flint from Holywell to Halkyn and from Halkyn to Rhosesmor.

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 21st August, 1914.

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 one of 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. Chamberlain and Johnson, Llandudno, or Messrs. Chamberlain, Johnson and Levy, 30, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., 23rd July, 1914.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, July 22, 1914.

H. 10636.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 9th July, from the British delegate on the Constantinople Board of Health, stating that a medical visit has been imposed on arrivals from Kherson on account of cholera.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, July 22nd, 1914.

H. 10637.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated the 21st July, from His Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid, stating that cases of plague are suspected in the Primorski and Archanskoe Yebe districts of Astrakan, and that pneumonic plague exists at Kanagawa Ken, Japan.

Admiralty, 21st July, 1914.

Staff Paymaster Charles Betton Roberts has this day been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 8th August, 1911:—

Surgeon Alexander James MacDiarmid, M.B., has this day been placed on the Retired List, with a gratuity.

Admiralty, 22nd July, 1914.

Sub-Lieutenant Richard Stoddart Benson has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th July, 1914.

> War Office, 24th July, 1914.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officer, who has been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:—

1st Cadet Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, Acting Chaplain The Reverend Harold Chalmer Bell.

> War Office, 24th July, 1914.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Territorial Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 17th August, 1908:—

YEOMANRY.

Royal North Devon (Hussars) Yeomanry, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Arthur Sanders.

Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own) Yeomanry, Major Edward Arthur Field Whittell Herbert.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

2nd West Lancashire Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Major (Honorary Captain in the Army) Thomas Edward Topping, D.S.O.

2nd Lowland Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Major Adam Brown.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Orkney Royal Garrison Artillery, Major William Henry Bain Davidson.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

West Riding Divisional Signal Company Engineers, Royal Engineers, Captain... Claude Barker.