

Privy Council for the purpose of the organization and development of scientific and industrial research and to create an Advisory Council for their advice and assistance:

And whereas looking to the character of the business with which the Committee is charged it is expedient to appoint a special Secretary thereto:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships are pleased to nominate and appoint Sir Amherst Selby-Bigge for that purpose.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., cap. 51, section 1), they have been pleased to direct by their Minute of the 6th August, 1915, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates fixed by Treasury Minute of the 10th September, 1914, the following rates of interest, viz.:—

	Rate of Interest.
I. Loans to local authorities for any purposes of the Housing Acts and the Small Holdings Acts—	
Any period ... ..	4½ per cent.
II. Other loans secured on local rates—	
Not exceeding 30 years	4½ per cent.
" " 50 "	4¼ "
III. Loans not secured on Local Rates—	
(a) Loans under the Harbour and Passing Tolls Act, 1861—	
(i) With collateral security of property.	
Not exceeding 30 years...	4½ per cent.
" " 50 "	4¼ "
(ii) Without collateral security.	
Not exceeding 30 years...	5 "
" " 50 "	5¼ "
(b) Loans under the Housing Acts—	
(i) To companies and private persons limiting their profits as provided by Treasury Minute of 14th November, 1890.	
Not exceeding 30 years...	4½ per cent.
" " 40 "	4¼ "

(ii) To companies and private persons not so limiting their profits.

Not exceeding 30 years... 5 per cent.  
 " " 40 " ... 5¼ "

*Foreign Office,*

*July 1, 1915.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Henry James Brett, Esq., to be one of His Majesty's Vice-Consuls in China.

*Foreign Office,*

*July 13, 1915.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Evelyn Charles Donaldson Rawlins, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Island of Crete, to reside at Canea.

*Foreign Office,*

*July 26, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of—

Monsieur Christofor Kristy as Consul of Russia at Liverpool;

Señor Don Joaquin de Iturralde y Lopez-Silvero as Consul of Spain at Glasgow, for the Counties of Argyll, Bute, Dumbarton, Stirling, Perth, Clackmannan, Renfrew, Lanark, and Peebles, the Hebrides and St. Kilda;

Mr. Henry H. Balch as Consul of the United States of America at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia;

Mr. Livingston T. Mays as Consul of the United States of America at St. Stephen, New Brunswick;

Mr. John A. Gore as Consul of the United States of America at Regina, Saskatchewan;

Monsieur D. van Wijngaarden as Consul of the Netherlands at Karachi;

Mr. Charles William Darbishire as Consul of Peru at Singapore; and

Mr. R. A. Barker as Vice-Consul of Nicaragua at Liverpool.